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Protests force BBC to shelve changes

BY RAYMOND SNODDY AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE BBC backed down yesterday over proposed changes to television and radio news after a wave of protest from key presenters and editors.

Christopher Bland, Chairman of the BBC Board Governors, intervened to uspend the moves as Tony Hall, the BBC's chief executive of news, admitted that neither the governors nor John Birt, Director-General, had fully appraised of the detail of the changes before were announced. The overnors were understood to been taken aback by

Mr Birt indicated that he was unwilling to get involved in a dispute with presenters such as John Humphrys and



Ford: signed letter attacking proposals

James Naughtie and editors whom he "greatly valued". He said: "I accept they are not happy and there is a need to pause and discuss the proposals we have put forward."

In a further climbdown, Mr Hall said that he was willing to restore the title of editor to the present editors of flagship programmes such as Todav and The World at One. Previously it had been announced that all BBC news programmes on radio and television would lose their individual editors and be managed wholesale by a team

of five "super-editors". The reforms will be reviewed by the governors next month to ensure that they will.

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"not detract from the quality, programme identity and edi-torial values of BBC News". Many staff said they regarded this as a face-saving exercise for the top management and that the reforms would be quietly dropped. Mr Hall said he would not resign.

The stay of execution was agreed at a heated meeting yesterday morning between Sir Christopher, Mr Birt and Mr Hall, who devised the changes. Mr Birt said: "We have got to pause and explain to people what Tony Hall and his colleagues have in mind." He agreed that he did not know about the detailed proposals announced to BBC ournalists this week, "nor would I want to".

His job was to set up the strategy, not get involved in detailed implementation: but the pause, Mr Birt acknowledged, was "a recognition that the arrangements have been very controversial with some ople i greatly value, present ers and editors. I accept they are not happy and there is a need to pause and discuss the proposals we have put forward. There have been masses of misunderstandings."

Yesterday staff were celebrating, but one producer said that the pressure should be kept up. "We have only won a battle so far, not the war," he said, "But they have backed down in the face of unanimous staff hostility. Tony Hall and his friends have egg of their

Sir Christopher said that he believed the changes were designed to get the best out of the resources devoted to BBC news and current affairs, but added: "We need to take more time to consider certain elements of the changes, to explain them further and to make absolutely certain that they will enhance, and not detract from, the quality, pro-

gramme identity, and editori-al values of BBC News." Earlier, Mr Hall defended the proposals, saying that the revamp would not result in any lowering of quality in the corporation's news output, as protesters feared, but would improve effectiveness.

Leading presenters, including Anna Ford, Mr Humphrys, Mr Naughtie and Sue McGregor, have signed a letter protesting at the changes, which Jeremy Pax man, the Newsnight presenter, said would reduce news production to a "sausage factory". The editors of Today. Newsnight effectively put their jobs on the line by refusing to apply for the new "super-

editor" posts being set up. Opponents of the changes say that the proposed "supereditors" will destroy the distinctive character of individual programmes and impose a bland uniformity on news programming.

Fan club, page 2



welcome on the hillside

By STEPHEN FARRELL

THE ISOLATED former Benedictine monastery doubling as Wales's smallest polling station yesterday reported a low turnout in the devolution referendum.

Stanley Knill. 64. opens his home to 22 electors at Capel-yffin, in the Black Mountains near Hay-on-Wye but reported a lower level of interest than in other elections during his 12 years there.

"I haven't seen the usual faces. We normally get 70 to 80 per cent turnout here but we have had only ten people," he said last night.

He freely admits to voting in favour of devolution but said few were interested in the

There's been very little talk about it here. I was the first to vote and the next lot came up on horseback. I don't expect to see the others."

But both "yes" and 'no" camps in Cardiff were last night predicting a higher turnout than expected thanks to the September sunshine.

Photograph, page 22



T've no idea what's going on. I've forgotten what yes" and no are in Welsh

A low-key | British exodus after Egypt terror attack

By HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of British tourists were evacuated last night from Cairo as the city was unofficially declared a no-go area for fureign holidaymakers after suspected Muslim militants attacked a tourist bus, killing ten people.

Egyptian security sources said all who died were inside the bus parked near the Egyptian Museum at Tahrir Square, home of the world's greatest collection of Pharaonic artefacts, including the 3.300-year-old golden treasures of Tutankhamun. Police said that 19 other Egyptians

and tourists were wounded in the gun

and bomb attack, which gutted the tourist bus. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but security sources said police arrested three suspected militants and were hunting for two more. "The whole place was in panic," said Stephen Thomas, a British tourist who was in the museum with his wife and two children.

Package tour groups visiting the Egyptian capital were being contacted by most of the leading companies and taken by bus to their Nile cruise ships or Luxor. Cairo is not a main destination for British package holidaymakers, most of whom take cruises along the Nile or stay in Luxor, making occasional day trips to Cairo's museums. But, with an opera festival starting next week, hotels in Luxor and Cairo are full, though the peak season does not begin until October.

Thomson said that it would "evacuate" nearly 100 clients from Cairo and had temporarily cancelled cruise tours to the city from Cyprus and the Red Sea. Thomas Cook said it had almost 200 clients in Egypt and British Airways Holidays more than 100.

About 320,000 Britons visit Egypt each year, mainly in the winter season. The country has been proving increasingly popular, with a big growth in Nile cruises. In 1992, 15,000 British holidaymakers took a cruise but by last year this had jumped to 70,000. With

thousands of tourists due to fly to Egypt in the next few weeks, tour operators were last night ringing each of them to ask if they wished to continue, take another holiday or cancel.

"We are keeping in close touch with the Foreign Office and will then be offering customers the option of cancel-ling if they wish," said Alan Flook, chairman of the Federation of Tour Operators. "We are certainly not going to be back in Cairo tomorrow."

The Association of British Tour Operators said travel agents were liaising with the Foreign Office.

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Churchill's 'shabby' grave is rescued

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

every year, or one pilgrim for

every pound that will be spent. Mr Churchill said: The

ground slopes and there is subsidence. Slowly, but per-

ceptibly, the graves are sliding

down the hill. There are

particular problems when two

or three busloads arrive si-

multaneously. There is just

this very narrow path so they

spill off and trample over the

graves. When the weather is

wet the whole area looks

The architect William Ber-

tram said that his design had

intended to provide access

while preserving the tradition-

al churchyard. A concrete path

will be torn up and a wider

walkway, of York stone, will

run around the perimeter. A

chain fence will discourage

vistors from crossing the

shabby and unloved."

THE humble grave of Sir Winston Churchill and the quiet English churchyard where he is buried are to receive a £350,000 refurbishment after more than three decades of tourists have left the spot looking "shabby and

Winston Churchill, the for-

mer MP and grandson of Britain's wartime leader, is using some of the £12.5 million he received from the sale of the Churchill archive to lead a family rescue of the churchyard at Bladon. Oxfordshire. A section of the churchyard, near the Blenheim estate where Sir Winston was born, will be closed for six months. Sir Winston, who died in 1965, had specified that he wanted to be buried in the place that he had known from childhood. He shares a grave with Lady Churchill who died in 1977 and they lie beneath an inconspicuous slab of port-

land stone. It is estimated that around 350,000 tourists visit the site Hindley picture

Ink and eggs were hurled at the controversial portrait of Myra Hindley at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, yesterday by two men, appar ently acting independently of

Ink thrown at

each other.
One of them smuggled in the ink in two 35mm film canisters. The damage was serious enough for the painting to be withdrawn and it is not expected to be back on show for several days.

Both men, one an artist were arrested for causing criminal damage...... Page

Pollution linked to macho ads

The motor industry was attacked over links between pollution and the macho culture of high-performance cars. The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution said technology could deliver cars 40 per cent more fuel efficient and less damaging to the environment.

graves and benches will be Sir Winston's tombstone will be replaced and set on a

Getting the picture, page 5

A commission report decried the advertising of cars which put engine size, luxury and acceleration over protecting public health Page 8

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Curtains for the council chamber oglers skirts, thought someone was pulling Humberside Room for a planning els of testosterone to sit there, especial-

BY DANIEL McGRORY

SO MANY male members of a Yorkshire council were distracted during meetings by the legs of their female colleagues that a councillor insisted that desks should be fitted with "modesty" curtains.

East Riding council has spent £645 on the cover-up after Dave Ireland, a Liberal Democrat, complained that many of his colleagues spent their time voting on who had the best legs rather than council business.

"I think it's extremely distracting for male councillors with reasonable lev-

ly if you have legs like one or two of the councillors do," Mr Ireland said. "Men are men but we have to concentrate on the business. I brought the matter up because the female members shouldn't have to go to a meeting and worry about the way they

are sitting." His party leader. Bob Tress, said: I'm sure that Councillor Ireland, who is a very decent and gallant man, is not suggesting that he is surrounded by

dirty old men." Yesterday is councillors were sitting around the offending tables in the known for her daring choice of mini

committee. Each table had beige curtains reaching to the floor.

raised step.

Mr Tress said: "I can't understand the fuss because unless you are fastening your shoelace you cannot see much beyond a lady's knee," adding that he had never put this to the test

One woman official said: "There are 21 women on a council of 67 and the average age is 48 so they are hardly the Spice Girls driving these foolish old men to distraction. Liberal Democrat Colleen Gill.

and distract other councillors from political arguments. I think that if you have got a good figure you should it off. I am proud of my legs and do not want them covered up." The Tory Group were more concerned about the cost. Professor Ar-

her leg when told about the modesty

curtains. "I like to show my legs off

thur Pollard, the Conservative group secretary said: "Obviously one sees the legs, but if you are attending to council business you look across at their faces. not their legs, whether they are men or

Amount of the contract of the

TV series

'proves IRA

link with

Sinn Fein'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

with former IRA terrorists

who confirm that Mr Adams

and Mr McGuinness, now MPs, were key members of the

veteran chronicler of the

Troubles, is believed to have found an interview in which a

youthful Mr McGuinness ex-

plains his role in the "defence"

of the Catholic Bogside during

the early riots in Londonderry.

The programme will also disclose details of secret com-

munications between past

governments and Sinn Fein.

and the DUP which is boycott-

ing the talks, has escalated since David Trimble led his

party back to Stormont, Mr Paisley and his deputy, Peter

Robinson, have accused Mr

Trimble of joining terrorists

in one-sided negotiations de-

signed to destroy the Union.

MPs have accused the DUP of

running away from Sinn Fein,

saying: Those that walk out leave the Union undefended."

the DUP will eventually find a

way to re-enter the talks

process, if only because

staying out is a big gamble. If

the talks collapse and the IRA

returns to violence the DUP

will be vindicated and the UUP discredited. However, if

they succeed, the DUP will be

Adams and McGuinness: accused in documentary

Some officials believe that

Mr Trimble and other UUP

The feud between the UUP,

IRA in the 1970s and 1980s. The presenter, Peter Taylor,

A BBC documentary is likely

to fuel an increasingly vitriolic

feud between Ulster union-

ism's two main parties today

by claiming to establish be-

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Ian Paisley's Democratic

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Adams had committed his

Smith

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BBC of

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By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR PUBLIC-SERVICE broadcasters have to be more ac-

countable to the public and

continue to produce distinc-

tive programmes if they want to thrive, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and

Sport said yesterday.
The warning from Chris

Smith was given at the bienni-al Royal Television Society

ams, the Sinn Fein leader, and Martin McGuinness were key members of the IRA. Unionist Party is likely to use the documentary to redouble its condemnation of the Ulster Unionist Party's decision this week to engage Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness, Sinn Fein's main negotiator, at the Stormont multiparty talks. likely to undermine Mr Adams's attempts to explain away the IRA's disavowal of the Mitchell principles of democracy and non-violence last week by claiming that Sinn Fein and the IRA are separate organisations. A plenary ses-

is to consider a formal UUP demand for Sinn Fein's expulcame just two days after Mr party to those principles.

The BBC is this morning offering a media preview of the first programme in a fourpart series entitled The Provos: The IRA and Sinn Fein. to be broadcast nationwide on BBC! heginning next Tuesday. The programme is under-

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Tony Hall, chief executive of BBC News. It was rumoured that he offered to cut twice as much as asked for BBC changes led by 'head boy' who dances to John Birt's tune

By CAROL MIDGLEY

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT TONY HALL the bespectacled chief executive of BBC News, is described by col-leagues as "a fully paid-up member of the John Birt fan club". Nicknamed "Head Boy" because of his academic looks and Oxford education, he has spent virtually his whole working life with

the BBC, starting as a trainee in the Belfast newsroom in the 1970s. He is one of the most owerful men in the corporation, in overall charge of the world's biggest news organ-isation employing 2,000 jour-

nalists, 42 foreign bureaux

MAN IN THE NEWS

and 12 channels across television, radio and new media. His interest in economic organisation was founded at Keble College, Oxford; he went on to write two books on the history of the miners and on nuclear power — and

colleagues say he has a formidable intellect and determination. However, feeling against bim has grown with a rumour that when Mr Birt, the Director-General asked for IS per cent cuts in news. Mr Hall offered him 30 per cent

- to Mr Birt's delight. It was

Mr Hall, 46, who instructed

senior management how to implement the changes which have caused mutiny among the staff. Even he. who was responsible for merging the news and current affairs departments of television, radio and foreign in 1987, was yesterday said to

be taken aback by the ferocity of the resistance. Richard Clemmow, the BBC's mild-mannered head of news programmes, was reportedly "white with shock" when staff met the proposals with a volley of protest on Wednesday.

Staff say they recognised

ters that the Civil Service press

machine compares unfavour-

management consultancy which has a £10 million contract with the BBC to formulate its new strategies, in the "super editor" structure. **BBC** staff refer to McKinsey operatives as The Firm.

"They are John Birt's per-

sonal police force," one said,

They suggest things in theory but do not get involved in the messy imple mentation. But John Birt swears by them and if an executive wants to get his measures through he will hire McKinsey to do it. They are clinical, methodical strategists."

Butler seeks to stem

Leading article, page 19

convention at Cambridge on the day that the BBC backed down on plans to restructure its news organisation without any obvious public consulta-tion. "If public-service broadcasters are to continue to thrive, they must be seen to adhere to their public-service their accountability to the public and to democratic bod-

ies." Mr Smith said. He welcomed recent BBC proposals on accountability but added: "I hope that further progress can be made." He also made it clear that he intended to set out what was expected of Channel 4. He proposed "recasting the Channel 4 remit positively. rather than simply defining it — as at present — as what Channel 3 is not."

In the digital age of multichannel television, public-service broadcasters would be as important as ever. "However, it needs to be something distinctive and special with corresponding distinctive regulatory arrangements," Mr Smith said. In addition, it was clear that the arrangements for regulating media competition needed to be re-

considered as part of an overall re-examination. Mr Smith argued that he wanted digital television to succeed on all delivery platforms to ensure universal access to current public-service channels but added: "[want that access as soon as possible ... so as to end the current wasteful use of valuable radio spectrum for analogue terres-

trial broadcasting." Leading article, page 19

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall editor SIR Robin Butler is seeking to raise the morale of the Govalso raises the possibility of further staff moves and has ernment's information officers asked mandarins to discuss after suggestions from minis-

ably with the slick operation provided by Labour spin The Cabinet Secretary has set up a committee to look into the work of the Government Information Service and asked Alastair Campbell, the Downing Street Press Secretary, to take part, Last week The Times reported that there Mike Grannat, head of the was unease in the ranks of Government Information Ser-Whitehall Press Officers after vice has circulated a moralefour senior information officers were moved from their posts and others believed they

party will be chaired by Robin Mountfield, Permanent Secretary at the Office of Public Service inside the Cabinet Office. In a letter to all Permanent Secretaries. Sir Robin says that he has asked the group to find out what ministers want

were threatened. The working

press officers' unease

the position with ministers. Sir Robin's letter to colleagues accepts that there are still teething troubles between ministers and officials. but explains: "We are still in a transitional period, during which the new Government and the Civil Service are learning about each other. Misunderstandings and miscommunication are the bane of such times."

boosting letter to all government press officers setting out areas for change but stating unequivocally: "We are not facing a takeover by political advisers." The needs to provide a different public relations service for the Government will he the main topic at a conference for senior press officers in York at the end of the month.

Mr Grannat makes clear.

Tony Blair updated guidelines for ministers on their conduct in office to ensure they knew

the proprieties. Complaints or unhappiness from ministers have been more to do with personality clashes, or a belief that the government PR machine could be sharper. Mr Grannat has discussed the low morale in the GIS with Sir Robin and Peter Mandelson, the minister charged with government presentation. He told colleagues in his letter that his first priority was for their welfare

and morale and praised them for doing a difficult job with skill, dedication and loyalty". Mr Grannat reveals that he has told ministers that some tactics deployed by the Labour Party spin doctors would not be used by civil servants. "When pressed, I made it clear that I do not consider it is the job of civil servants to chase broadcasters about minute twists and turns of coverage, or to nay them over how many seconds each protagonist enjoys on air. That has more to

NEWS IN BRIEF



University offers to be based on results

Students will be offered degree places on the basis of Alevel results, rather than often inaccurate predictions by schools, as part of a new deal promised by vice-chan-

cellors yesterday to justify the introduction of tuition fees. The post-qualifications ap-plications system was one of a number of developments. agreed at the vice-chancellors' annual conference, in response to Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher

Professor Martin Harris, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, appealed to the Government to keep its side of the fees bargain by ensuring that the money raised went to higher education.

Lottery learners Lottery grants of £100 million were announced for learning and training projects. Recipients include a community group that provides classes for expelled pupils, a network of after-school clubs, an edu-

cational centre for migrants

and refugees, and a club that

provides intensive tutoring for children who have difficulty reading.

Murder charge A 46-year-old man was last night charged with the mur-der of Rachel Barraclough, 18, who was found dead with wasteland in Wakefield. Rachel weut missing after leav-ing her home in Bradford on The man is due to appear before Wakefield magistrates today.

Care inquiry Merseyside Police are investigating reports that a care worker with a bistory of mental health problems had jobs in at least three homes where young, disabled The National Register for Carers reported the man after becoming suspicious

about his movements from one home to another.

Ringing justice Midge Mather, 65, was given a conditional discharge at Chippenham magistrates' court yesterday after being found guilty of causing criminal damage by cutting the bell ropes in her local church in Compton Bassett, Wilt-shire. She said the church had ignored her frequent complaints about the noise of

Smear apology

Kent and Canterbury Hospi-

tal, which incorrectly gave a Chris Gough the all clear

after a smear test, wrote

recalling her for further

checks 15 months after she

died of cervical cancer. The

bell-ringing.

hospital has apologised to her husband Glyn for any however, that ministers have from their information dividistress caused, an inquiry sions "and how we can ensure that it is provided". Sir Robin do with party political emphasis than governmental work." into the blunder, white sis than governmental work." no intention of criticising the into the blunder, which in-Information Service and that

I was victim, says suspended MP

TOMMY GRAHAM, the suspended Labour MP named in the suicide note of Gordon McMaster, defied purty instructions and broke his long silence yesterday to claim that he was the victim of a smear campaign. Mr Graham, who was suspended by the party last month pending investigations into Mr McMaster's death, denied spreading rumours about the late Paisley South MP and instead accused other unnamed politi-cians of attempting to turn Mr

McMaster against him.

Ignoring party instructions

to keep quiet until the inquiry

into sleaze in Paisley was

completed, Mr Graham insist-

ed that he had had a "fabulous

relationship" with Mr Mc-

Master. He backed it up by

saying that they had become

pals" as hoys and only last

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH year had enjoyed "a great night out" together at a Rang-ers football match.

He said the past eight weeks

had been "hell" for himself, his wife and two sons and they all felt deeply sorry for Mr McMaster's family. His remarks contrasted sharply with statements made in early August just weeks after the suicide, in which he claimed that Mr McMaster was "ill with the booze" and

said that the former MP had

once confronted him and ac-

cused him of spreading ru-

mours that he was "a poof" The remarks were quickly dismissed yesterday as a "bleeding heart story" by sources close to Mr McMaster, who was found dead in his car in July. "He wants people to feel sorry for him. Frankly,

that does not cut much ice."



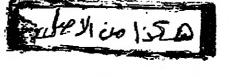
Graham: defied party instructions on silence

The source added that the football match Mr Graham was supposed to have attended with Mr McMaster last year, was watched by a number of invited MPs in a

hospitality box at Ibrox.
"A number of MPs were Gordon was not there with Tommy Graham, in the way Tommy Graham wants people to think. He was there

with a number of MPs." In his interview yesterday in The Scotsman, Mr Graham also claimed that he had contacted the party's Wal-worth Road headquarters three weeks before the MPs suicide to complain about the selection procedure in his own Renfrewshire West constituency, which together with both Paisley seats is currently under investigation by the

Yesterday a Labour spokesman described Mr Graham's outburst as "unhelpful". He added: "It was made clear to him that it would be sensible not to speak to the press while the inquiry is going on."



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manent waving of the hair was conceived by Charles Nestle who announced a demonstration in Oxford Street, London, in the Hairdressers' Journal in 1906 "to withstand water, shampoo and all atmoin 1909 Nestle took out a s natent on an electrical heater. a contribution to the invention having been made by Mr

Charles, who went on to develop the process with others, including Eugene Suter. Nicholas Kropascy said: My grandfather Charles was involved in creating the Eugene Permanant Wave in the 1930s. My own father helped him with his work and carried

Kropacsy's father, also

on when my grandfather left the business." The Kropacsy family business, Camilatone, which made hair care products was started in 1920 and was sold off in 1952. Mr Kropacsy developed a conditioner called Vitapoint,

GP helped Lady Warnock's husband die

Medical ethics adviser reveals how she turned for help

to doctor who backs euthanasia. Joanna Bale reports

BARONESS WARNOCK, a Warnock. a former Vice- last years he lived a horrible member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's advisory group on medical ethics, revealed yesterday how her husband was helped to die by a doctor who advocates euthanasia for terminally ill patients.

In a show of support for Dr Nick Maurice, a Wiltshire GP who created controversy last week by admitting that he practises euthanasia on terminally ill patients, Lady Warnock reavealed how her husband's life was deliberately brought to a peaceful and dignified end 18 months ago. Although Dr Maurice has

attracted criticism, he is not said to be breaking the law and is not being investigated by the police or any medical

Lady Warnock, whose elderly husband Sir Geoffrey

Chancellor of Oxford University, died of a rare lung disease, said: "Dr Nick treated my husband when he was dying of a lung condition that was incurable and extremely painful. There were no arguments used. Dr Nick was just so deeply involved. We just trusted one another."

She and their five adult children knew what the doctor was going to do, she said. We all knew my husband was going to die and Nick told me he was going to make him better. When he said that we

all knew what this meant -

end his suffering and end his "Nick changed the medication and probably gave him more morphine, thus ending would have died. During the

life. He was not in agony but he could not breathe properly and was always in fear of suffocating. "Nick and I never had a

conversation about my husband's wishes, but Geoffrey did say to him he wanted it all to end. Nick's intentions were to make his last days altogether more comfortable by giving him more morphine. It was what my husband wanted.

The sad thing was there was nothing wrong with my husband's mind while he went through this. He would lie there but know exactly what was wrong.
"Geoffrey died with dignity

and if he had not had his medication changed he would probably have only lived for another fortnight." Lady Warnock said her

serving on the recent House of Lords select committee on euthanasia. "I talked to lots of doctors who said they gave more drugs to help end their patients' suffering. It's some-



Lady Warnock: "It was what my husband wanted" Dr Nick Maurice: "Every other GP is doing it"

views had been strengthened by talking to doctors while thing that doesn't really need

legislation how it should be carried out. Doctors already do this themselves and it works well.*

to be explicitly talked about.

"I don't feel the law should

Dr Maurice, who has been

the Warnocks' GP for six what he has said about not It would be true to say that in years, caused the controversy last week when an article he wrote condoning euthanasia in his practice newsletter was picked up by national newspapers. He confessed to having induced a "quiet and easy death" for two patients in the previous three months for which their relatives had been

He also invited his patients to fill in living wills, known as Advanced Directives, in which they can specify that if ly ill, painkillers should be used if necessary, even though they may shorten life. He also argued that patients would suffer if laws were introduced governing eutha-

be changed because it would Lady Warnock, a former so hard to define in fellow and tutor in philosophy at Oxford University, wrote a personal letter of support to Dr Maurice. She went on: "I absolutely agree with what both Dr Nick is doing and changing the law. It was the conclusion of a House of Lords select committee on Dr Maurice said yesterday

that he had not received any complaints from his patients about the availability of living wills at his busy surgery in Marlborough where seven other doctors practise. He said: "We introduced them six months ago because people have increasingly begun to ask for them. Each doctor in the practice has them to give

Dr Maurice went on: "I am doing what every other GP in the country is doing but because I was prepared to raise my head above the parapet it has provoked this

to patients."

I have given sufficient quantities of morphine to ensure that the physical and mental suffering of the patient, and the relative also, has been kept to a minimum. a small proportion of patients who have been in intense and sudden pain, or who are in great distress and may require very large doses of morphine, that this may hasten their death.

These are terminally ill patients with only a few days left. In the vast majority of cases the pain relief lengthens their lives."

A General Medical Council spokesman said: "We are not investigating this matter. Among those to back Dr

Maurice is Dr James Flood, a GP in Devizes, Wiltshire. He said a clear distinction had to be made between illegal eua patient to commit suicide. and the easing of pain among the terminally ill.

There is a huge medical and ethical difference and there is a great danger of confusion. Dr Maurice is talking good medical sense

Age fear

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his life

By Michael Horsnell

killed himself, fearing the onset of old age and

into an hotel near the M4 and

suffocated himself on his 83rd

birthday, an inquest in

Devizes, Wiltshire, was told

yesterday. Mr Kropacsy, whose family is of Hungarian

origin, was said to have been

terrified of losing his mind or

becoming wheelchair bound

A detailed suicide note ad-

dressed to the coroner was left

on the bedside table by Mr

Kropascsy, who was in perfect

health. His son William, 49,

told the inquest: "He never

held back the fact that he

would take his own life if he thought it was the right time.

"His father had been con-

fined to a wheelchair and his

Mr Kropacsy, of Lyming-

sible for several advances in

ton. Hampshire, was respon-

hair care before retiring from

London to the New Forest in

the 1960s. He was said to be

deeply upset by the death of his wife, Jean, 83, last year.

Mr Kropacsy had two other sons, Nicholas, 51, an airline

pilot, and Christopher, 53, a

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Charles Kropacsy checked ins-

Victory for high-flyer who put family first

A RECORD company executive had a stark choice between seeing more of the world and seeing his baby daughter grow up. James Whyte put his family first and quit his jet-setting job.

Yesterday an industrial tribunal in London supported his stand by awarding him £9,020 compensation for constructive dismissal, over the way that the record company EMI had suddenly increased the amount of time he was expected to spend away from home from 40 per cent to 75 per cent of his work.

Employment lawyers forecast last night that the ruling would mark a new emphasis on family values. Mr Whyte, management consultant, said: People aren't scared to put their family first any more. All the people slightly older than me in the business had said was that they didn't see their own children grow up." His

EXPERTS predict that

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Simmons, said: "The

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Record company executive quit life

of travel to see his daughter grow up.

Stephen Farrell sees him celebrate

daughter, Emma, is 18 months. His wife, Jo, 31, who had to work while her husband was unemployed, said: "It was absolutely terrifying when he walked home and said he hadn't got a salary any

"It was the right thing to do. He's a devoted family man and I wouldn't have expected him to do anything different, but he did shed a few tears over losing his company

Mr Whyte, a £40,000 infor-. mation technology audit executive from Battersea, South London, told the tribunal he flew to San Francisco, Tokyo. Virgin Records. He said that,

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For Williams, said: "The

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when he joined in 1995, he was told he would be expected to travel only 40 per cent of the

In March 1997, while working on EMI's complex artist royalty system in New York, he was presented with the 75 per cent requirement as a "fait accompli", he said. He refused out of "frustration and anger". and quit in April.

He said: "It was an enormous issue for me. Why would I be willing to accept the 75 per cent requirement? I had a young family.

There had been no notice for me to raise my objections. I was required to start in New years with EMI, which owns time. I wanted to protect my position. I was a little guy

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businesses spent E5 billion

vised of the change a month before, and accused him of failing to follow established grievance procedures. How-ever, Mr Whyte insisted he

EMI said that he was ad-

had simply tried to resolve the situation as best he could and blamed the company's intransigence. He said that the company had wanted him to travel to San Francisco the day his wife was due to give birth. The tribunal took just 15 minutes to decide that Mr

Whyte had been constructivedismissed. The chairman, John Metcalf, said that "some people might regard 40 per advantage". Nevertheless, the tribunal bench ruled: "We find it to be a fundamental term in his contract that foreign travel was up to no more than 40 per cent. The requirement of a clearly a breach of that fundamental term.

The tribunal also found no business need for Mr Whyte to travel 75 per cent of the time: "Even if there had been, the reasonableness requirement would not have been met by the attitude shown and actions taken by the employer."

After the case, Mr Whyte said: "I was going to miss my lovely BMW 3-series coupe, the £300-a-year private health insurance and free CDs every month. But if I didn't do it I would never have seen my daughter starting to crawl, walk and recognise me as

your children grow up only happens once.



James Whyte and his wife, Jo. She said: "He shed a few tears over his BMW"

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How a trip to the hairdresser left woman paralysed

VISIT to the hairdresser turned into a near disaster for Jane Hughes. She went in to have her long hair set and washed but ended up partially paralysed and wondering if she would ever walk again. Mrs Hughes, 44, suffered a stroke

caused by her neck being stretched back while she was having her hair washed. Her "beauty parlour syndrome" ordeal two years ago is described today in the medical journal The Lancet.

Everything seemed all right until she got up to walk home. Mrs Hughes found she had difficulty walking and was dragging her left leg. She had trouble driving back to her home in Bath, but managed it. Once home she found herself unsteady on her feet and with increasing numbness in her

The next morning she could not drink her tea properly and she decided to go to the Royal United Hospital. "I thought I had trapped a nerve and when they suggested I stay in hospital I said no because I had a

that evening she fell on the way to the bathroom and found she was unable even to crawl. In the morning she could not stand and was admitted to hospital. "I was very frightened and couldn't understand what was going on," she said yesterday. "All that I

had done was get my hair washed." Dr David Bateman, who treated her for a stroke, describes the case in The Lancet. He was at first puzzled about what caused the stroke. Mrs Hughes had no history of illness.

Her blood pressure was normal. She was not a diabetic. She did not born normally 15 years earlier. A scan discovered that the lining of the arteries of her neck had torn away and was blocking the passage of blood to her brain. This can happen in older people or to those with arterial disease, but Mrs Hughes fitted neither category. The only thing that he could think of was the

visit to the hairdresser. What happened was that in pulling back her neck to wash the hair, the stylist had inadvertently stretched the artery in the neck causing a tear in the lining, which led to blood clots

the position avoids soap getting into the eyes," Dr Bateman writes. This practice is not without risk and hairdressers should be instructed not to overextend the neck and should

use the cushion usually provided." Two years later, treatment with anticoagulants and neuro-physio-therapy has almost cured Mrs Hughes, although her left hand is still very weak. She now keeps her hair short and always has it washed leaning forward over the sink.

The hairdressing training board

forming. This had caused the stroke. said: "As part of the course for an smoke and usually drank no more child and two dogs to look after." The stylist had tipped the chair which became popular with NVO we teach that the head and neck "Washing hair with the neck An appointment was made for her than the recommended quantity of back and stretched her neck back Jane Hughes: artery in extended or the chair tilted backmust be protected at all times." women after the war. to see a neurologist the next day, but alcohol. She had one son, who was over the sink in the normal way. neck had been stretched for them hath the LORD chosen to carry Chronicles 15:2 for it is written

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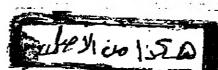
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Christie's toasts the sale of wine's holy relics

By PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

WITH a slurp and a wet, cellary cough, the auction of the greatest private wine collection to come to the market began at Christie's in

London yesterday. The 18,999 bottles of grand cru champagnes, clarets, white wines, ports, pudding wines and cognacs are being sold by an anonymous owner over four sessions ending today.

Some of the high-lights are on display: Château-d'Yquems wrapped in sugary tissue paper and extremely rare 12-bottle cases of Petrus arranged like holy relies. First for sale, how-

ever, were the chamagnes. The Japanese in the crowd and on the telephones splashed out Six bottles of Louis Roederer Cristal, vintage 1966, went for £1,300, a case of Dom Perignon Rosé, 1969, for £3,600. Pink champagne is said to be a fine accompaniment to

As the time came for the red bordeaux 1899-1990, a different sort of nose took over the sal room. Men with long. sloping, ducal foreheads loped in, armed with the full mandate of the wine committees of gentlemen's clubs. As the claret sale started to swing, the prices began whoosh

ing up: £19,000 for an impériale of Mouton Rothschild 1929, £20,000 for a case of Latour 1937. £62,000 for an impériale of Cheval Blanc 1947.

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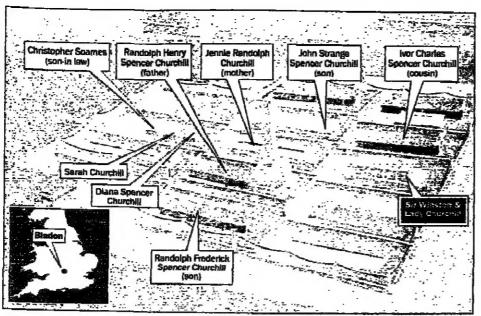
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Tourists fail to get the picture at Churchill grave

Alan Hamilton reports on why visitors feel the £350,000

refurbishment of Sir Winston's grave is so badly needed

FOR Harry Templeton from San Jose, California, his first sight of Sir Winston Churchill's grave yesterday was something of a disappointment. His camcorder could not make out the faded names engraved on the simple tomb at Bladon, Oxfordshire.

The £350,000 refurbishment which begins next month to restore a site left shabby and apparently unloved by three decades of tourists beating a path to the churchyard gate could not come a moment too soon for visitors. On the last stop of a 23-day

tour of Britain and Ireland, Mr Templeton had expected something a little grander than a plain horizontal slab of Portland stone, engraved only with the names of Winston and Clementine and their respective dates. Or at least something he could record for the neighbours back home.

"I pointed the carncorder but it wouldn't pick up the inscription at all. I had to read it onto the soundtrack," he id. "They could clean this place up: Churchill is very



Churchill: wanted to be buried in simple grave

something bigger, but if this is what he wanted, that's fine by me. I just think they could look after it better Joy Spurrell, from Toronto,

was equally underwhelmed. "It's not as prominent as it should be, and the gravestones look older than they actually are. I expected better

by his parents, Randolph and Jennie, his brother John, cousin Ivor, son Randolph, daughters Diana and Sarah and his son-in-law Lord Soames. All are plain, huddled in a plot hard by the church wall, and although far from neglected look tired and unprepossessing.

They are surrounded by a weary sprinkle of gravel, and yesterday only one had flowers, that of Christopher Soames, still cared for by his widow and children. Cheap and undistinguished notices identify each family member. Sir Winston's headstone has already been replaced at least. once since his burial in 1965.

Churchill's love of Bladon stemmed from early visits to his father's tomb, the only one with any ornament, being surmounted by a simple Celtic stone cross. At the age of 11, he wrote to his mother: "I went this morning to Bladon to look at Papa's grave. I was so struck by the sense of quietness and peace, as well as by

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Visitors take close-ups of the worn inscription on Churchill's grave yesterday

burial at Bladon, like that of Diana, Princess of Wales at Althorp, was a private family

The only other memorial to him there is a board in the porch recording that, at his interment, a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the church's half-muffled bells.

Several years ago plans for much grander Churchill family tomb in the churchyard were rejected by the parochial church council, reflecting the desire of a majority of local people to adhere to Sir Winston's wish for simplicity. But the refurbishment now planned by Winston Chur-chill, Sir Winston's grandson. has the full approval of the Rev Roger Humphreys, rector of Bladon and Woodstock and a trustee of the new project. This is essentially maintenance. The graves are begin-ning to suffer from tourist

fatigue; we get an average of

two coachloads a day through-

out the year." Two categories of complaint reach the rector's ears: those from tourists who expect to see and those who complain that the plot is scruffy and uncared for. The locals still have a pride that Winston is here. They would want the grave kept much as he wanted it himself. If anything too elaborate had been planned. I think there would have been strong local resistance," he said. But at least future cam-

the British equivalent of the

Kennedy grave at Arlington

corder wielders should be satisfied; the lettering on the new gravestones is to be raised in relief rather than incised.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nine held over death of reporter

Four women and five men were arrested in Dublin yesterday by Irish police investigating the murder in June last year of the journalist Veronica Guerin. They were being questioned about possible links with a drugs gang thought to be responsible for her murder.

☐ irish police have sent a file to the Director of Public Prosecutions about a former iunior minister arrested in connection with the laundering of money belonging to a Dublin drugs gang.

Fatal bus crash

The driver of a minibus carrying young Scots was killed in a crash south of Clermont-Ferrand, France. Ten passengers, all from Glasgow, were slightly hurt. which James Spencer. 22. died, was unclear.

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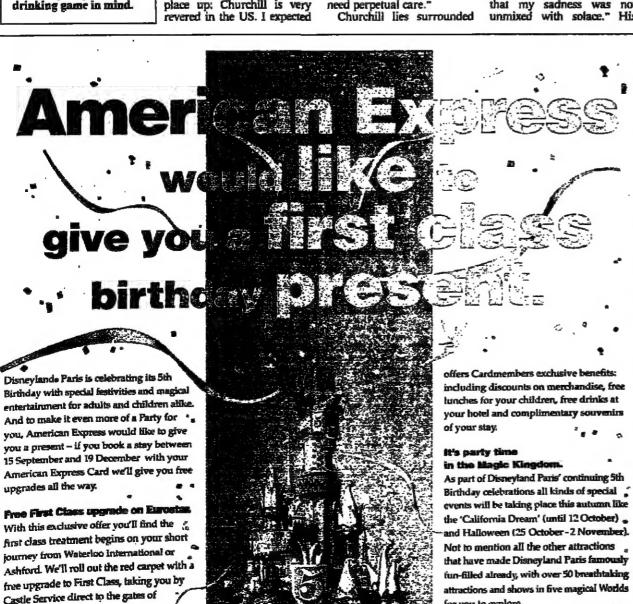
A poster for the 1942 film Casablanca was sold for £48,800 at Sotheby's, a British auction record for a film poster. The two-metre-square sheet, one of two known to exist, was bought by Andrew Cohen, head of the house ware retailer Betterware.

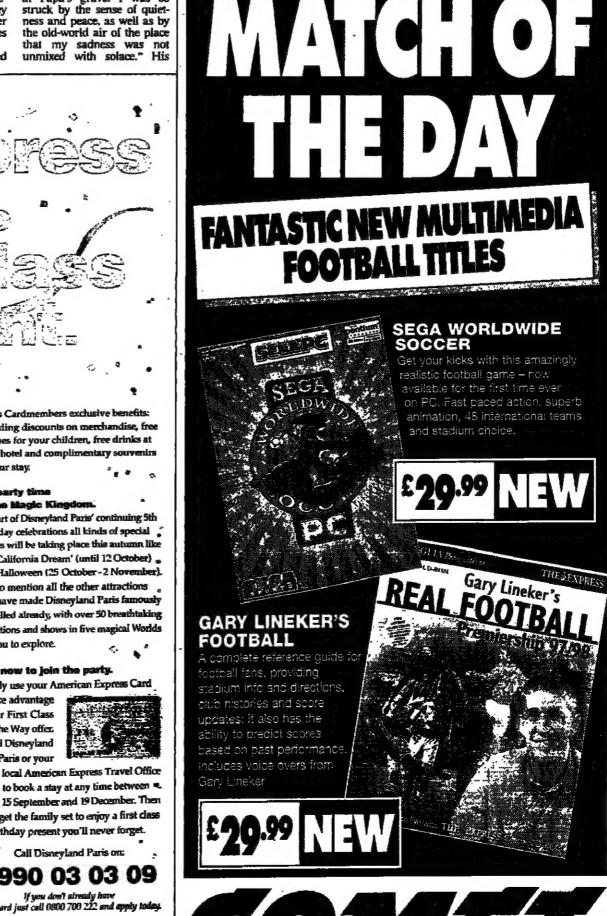
TV star on track

Michael Palin, star of BBCl's Full Circle, had a train named after him at Darsham station, Suffolk. Palin unveiled his nameplate on an Anglia Railways Class 153 train. He is patron of the environmental group Transport 2000.

Fallen hero

chute jump to raise money for a hospital finished the day as a patient there, after breaking his ankle. John Ryder, 36, was fundraising for the children's ward at West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.





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Intruder found in Kensington Palace

By Stewart Tendler, Emma Wilkins and Susan Bell

SENIOR Scotland Yard detectives are investigating how an intruder spent seven hours inside Kensington Pal-ace without being detected. The man, a convicted drug dealer with a mental illness, was found by a maid as he wandered the corridors look-

ing for the apartment of Diana, Princess of Wales. The 31-year-old from Nottingham was in a distressed and emotional state and clutching a single ruse. He was released after being questioned by police.

Police sources said that the man had visited the palace to sign a book of condolence and

slipped inside. The area where the condolence books are held closes at 8pm. The man was found at 3.30am.

A BBC compact disc of the music played at the Princess's funeral in Westminster Abbey went on sale yesterday in spite of disquiet from her family and a senior clergyman. The Spencer family is dismayed that the BBC had not told them in advance about the recording. The first the family knew of the compact disc was when one of the Princess's sisters saw a news-

paper advertisement. The Dean of Westminster, who officiated at the funeral. is also uneasy about the league said: The dean does not think the nature of the service lends itself to such

The BBC and Polygram Classics said that all profits would be donated to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. It is understood that the Spencer family would prefer that the entire proceeds went to charity.

A French magazine said yesterday that the regular

chauffeur of the Mercedes in which the Princess and Dodi Fayed died had initially refused to allow Henri Paul to

DRESS WILL BUY WASHING MACHINE

An Australian woman who won one of the Princess's evening dresses in a newspaper ition plans to sell it to buy a washing machine and pay household bills.

32, who lives in Sydney. drive, saying that M Paul was not authorised to do so. Paris Match said that the chauffeur agreed to allow M Paul

said yesterday: "People will think, 'What a bitch.' But I can live with that. We need so many things just for day to-day living." The Catherine Amanda Donovan

Walker dress was among 79 sold at auction in New York in June.

right, but the Ritz must take responsibility for it," the auffeur allegedly retorted. If true, the allegations would lend weight to the possibility that the investigatto drive only after being ordered to do so by the Ritz ing magistrate might considmanslaughter and negligence in allowing M Paul to drive.

Tomorrow a convoy of black taxis taking 100 child-ren from Great Ormond Street Hospital, in London. on a prearranged trip to Disneyland Paris will, at the children's request, stop in Paris to lay flowers on the bridge above the underpass in which the Princess died.

The Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers — which has taken the children on an annual trip to France for the past three years - will also lay a wreath in the shape of a taxi on behalf of London cab

Food firms urged to save lives by cutting salt

READYMADE meals and bread help to kill tens of thousands of people a year because they contain too much salt, researchers say today.

Halving our intake of salt would save at least 34,000 lives a year, according to the study published in The Lancet. Graham MacGregor, who co-ordinated the study, said food manufacturers were ignoring the medical evidence for commercial reasons. Even a modest reduction in

salt lowers blood pressure in older people, significantly re-ducing the risk of heart at-tacks. But Dr MacGregor said the increasing popularity of readymade processed foods, which are heavily salted by the manufactuers, made it difficult to control salt intake. "Seventy to 80 per cent of

our salt intake now comes from salt hidden in processed food and bread," Dr Mac-Gregor, of St George's Hospital Medical School in Tooting. South London, said, "We need the co-operation of the foodprocessing industry to reduce the very high concentrations of salt in processed foods, often equivalent to seawater."

The food industry is worth £80 billion a year, and Dr MacGregor said that manufacturers had a vested interest in keeping salt levels high.

THE average daily require-ment for salt is three to six

grams (0.1oz to 0.2oz), but the

average intake per person is

eight to 12 grams. Additional odium may be consumed through eating food contain-ing sodium bicarbonate (bak-

ing soda), fish or meat cured with sodium nitrite, or dishes

flavoured with monosodium glutomate which is frequently

depletion of potassium so that the ratio of sodium to potassi-um is unusually high, in susceptible people causes a rise in blood pressure. This in

turn increases the likelihood of stroke, coronary thrombo-

Not everyone's blood pres-sure is sensitive to salt, but it

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added to enhance taste. A high intake of sodium, or **SALT CONTENT**

3g 2.75g 2.5g 2.25g Lasagne mesi (300g) Tin spaghetti (220g) Sausages (2) Paté (100g) Chicken en cro

They add salt because it is the cheapest flavour enhancer and causes people to become addicted to the taste.

"It allows more water to be added to the product, increas-ing the weight of it at no extra cost. It makes people thirstier so they drink more liquids. often soft drinks manufactured by food companies."

Dr MacGregor also criticised the way that salt was classified as sodium on food labels: "To find the real level of salt in anthing you have to multiply the sodium content by two and a half." The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that food labelling was under review. The Food and Drink Federation said it would study the findings: "The scientific evidence is not established."

Heinz has a policy of reducing salt and sugar in all products. Since 1989 it has cut the amount of salt in a tin of baked beans by 14 per cent,

maintenance of a healthy

about one in four of the population. There is some evidence that people with

hypertension are those whose blood pressure reacts to a

bundance in milk, eggs. meat,

The standard advice is to

stop adding salt to food at the table, to use less in cooking

and to avoid cured and pro-

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change in salt intake. Over a quarter of the salt eaten daily is from cereal products. Salt is also found in

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VLEDICAL BRIEFING



Homerton House Community School yesterday. Parents have welcomed the sending of a team to Hackney

'Hit squad' for Hackney schools

By John O'Leary, education editor, and Mark Henderson

A TEAM appointed by the Government will on Monday begin trying to rescue schools in Hackney after inspectors said that its education service was in disarray.

Stephen Byers, the Schools Standards Minister, said the Government would not let Hackney's children be the victims of the northeast London authority's failure. A report by the Office for Standards in Education spoke of a collapse of management and a lack of political will.

schools have been found to be failing and two threatened with closure if they do not show immediate improvement. Ofsted says that three have "serious weaknesses" Formally requesting Hack-

ney to accept the first "improvement team" to be sent into a local authority, Mr Byers said that 30,000 children, and their schools in Hackney, should be receiving the support and assistance of their local education authority. They are not at the moment."

Labour until May 1995, when a group of councillors was expelled from the party. The breakaway group now holds power in loose coalition with Tories and Liberal Democrats.

The Government is planning to take powers to impose new leadership on failing authorities, but Mr Byers admitted that the team of administrators would need the council's co-operation to succeed. Yesterday evening, Mr political groupings and an-

had agreed to co-operate with the team. Parents of pupils at Homer-

ton House Community School welcomed the sending of a "hit squad", to Hackney, saying teachers' work was being undermined by inadequate coun-cil leadership. One, whose son moved to Homerton when Hackney Downs School was closed, said: "It's a poor area. but that means there is greater need for proper organisation and inspired leadership."

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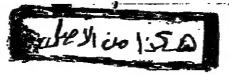
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Milk bottles rescue girl from life on drugs

Lin Jenkins reports on the first success for a scheme that brings photographs of missing people on to the shelves of supermarkets

addiction on the streets after her photograph was printed on 75,000 milk bottles. Several shoppers telephoned police to say that they had seen Kirsty McFadden, thin. bedraggled and ill, begging in

Begging had earned her up to £100 a day, but most was spent on heroin for her and her boyfriend and her weight had fallen to 512 stone. Now, a year after leaving home, the 16-year-old has been reunited with her family and is back home in Newton Abbot, Devon, recovering slowly from her addiction.

Miss McFadden was the seventh missing person to be featured on milk bottles sold by Iceland, and was the first of them to be found.

Police and social services launched a wide hunt when she failed to return from school to her foster parents, with whom she had been living after running away from home on previous occasions. It was thought that she was travelling the country with a circus or funfair, but the reality was grimmer. She slid into drug addiction, begging and living in cardboard boxes.

The National Missing Per-

A TEENAGE runaway was rescued from a life of heroin and Miss McFadden was chosen for the Iceland scheme, which was launched in April. Her photograph was printed on four-pint containers of milk

She was picked up by police after customers realised that the face on their milk bottles was that of the bedraggled girl who begged in the Broadmead shopping centre. Miss McFadden said: "I am

very glad that I was found. I up with the social workers. and at first it was all right. It was a bit of an adventure. For the first two months I was living in a squat, but after that I was living on the street.

"It just dragged on and dragged on. I was too scared to go home because of the people I was with. I was making about £100 a day begging in Broadmead, but I was spending it all on heroin for myself and my boyfriend.

"I don't know what would have happened to me if I had stayed on the streets. I am very grateful to the people who put me on the milk bottles and the people who called the police." She said that she had given

up heroin and was regaining

her health. "When you have a heroin addiction you do not



Kirsty McFadden with her mother, brother and sister. Her photograph was printed on 75,000 milk bottles, right, sold by Iceland

eat and, when I was picked up, I weighed only 5½ stone, but I am almost up to 7 stone now." She hopes to make up for the schooling she missed by studying at a college in

said that she and her hus-band, Cliff, had "tried everything to find her and are so pleased that this milk bottle scheme has worked. She had run away before and come home again, but after she had we really began to worry about her and it got worse and worse the longer she was

"Every night Cliff and 1 would lie awake in bed wondering where she was and

The national kitchen and bathroom specialists

worrying that she might be dead in a ditch somewhere." Her parents were disaphorrified when I saw her,"

Mrs McFadden said. "She

was a bag of bones and her

skin looked as if it was

stretched like clingfilm. Now

she is cating like a horse and

A spokesman for the Nat-

putting on weight again."

pointed that Kirsty chose to stay in a children's home when she was first found, but later she rang to say that she ional Missing Persons Help-line said: "Each picture runs for three weeks and this is our first success. We had hoped the others would have been found as well because we picked especially vulnerable missing people for the Lorna Webster of Iceland

said that the milk containers with Miss McFadden's photograph had been sold throughout the country. She added: "We are delighted at this success and thrilled that the family has been reunited. We hope some of the other missing people we feature will also get in touch with their

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RSPCA used gene test to track badger killers

By Russell Jenkins

FOUR men accused of killing a badger after digging it from its sett were linked to the crime by DNA tests on the animal's body, a court was told

Magistrates in Bakewell, Derbyshire, were told that it was the first time genetic profiling had been relied upon by the RSPCA in such a case. Blood found on one of the men's clothing and on anothtissue taken from a dead badger; it was alleged.

All four denied killing and digging for a badger and interfering with a badger set at Cromford Moor in Derbyshire. The accused are Garry Shaw, 26, of Matlock; Russell Pettipierre, 37, of Alderwasley; David Wragg, 32, of Belper, and Michael Holland, 32, of Chaddesden, all in Derby-

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John Sutcliffe, prosecuting for the RSPCA, told the court

that the men were stopped by

police after they had been alerted by members of the Mid-Derbyshire Badger Group. Two members of the group had seen men with dogs, similar to the four accused, near a badger sett, where the freshly killed body of a fully grown male badger was found in March last year. · Mr Sutcliffe said evidence against the men, who had

claimed that they had been looking for foxes and had a dead fox with them, was only circumstantial until the "dramatic development" of DNA tests on the animal and on the bloodstains on the knife found on Mr Wragg and on a blue

oversuit worn by Mr Holland. He said that Terry Burke, a zoologist of Leicester University, who had been researching the use of DNA profiling in wild animal studies since 1985, carried out tests which were not only able to identify

DNA from badgers as op-posed to other animals but could distinguish one badger from another.

Tests showed that bodily fluids or tissue from a badger were present on the boiler suit and knife and that the DNA matched that of blood on the knife and the suit, he said.

Mr Sutcliffe said the tests had directly linked Mr Wragg and Mr Holland to the crime and although there was no direct evidence against the other two accused, they had clearly gone to the sett as part of a joint venture.

The RSPCA believes that the technique may be useful in the fight to save threatened species around the world, including gorillas. DNA evidence has already been used to determine whether exotic birds have been illegally taken from the wild. The trial continues.

Barracks provides home for museum

BY AUDREY MAGEE

A FORMER British barracks became the new home of the National Museum of Ireland yesterday. The country's history, from

Mesolithic to the present day. had been squeezed into cramped premises on Kildare Street, Dublin. since 1815. The new museum is in Collins Barracks, named after Michael Collins, a founding father of the IRA.

The museum spent 70 years looking for more spacious premises and will now be able to display thousands of artefacts that had been held in storage, including a collection of Irish silver not seen in 50 years. The barracks, which was completed in 1706, was formerly known as the Royal Barracks. It was officially handed over in 1922.

Near the River Liffey on the outskirts of Dublin city centre the building was occupied by the Irish Army until 1994 when plans were initiated to turn it into a museum. About 30 soliders still occupy the 19-acre site but will leave as the £48 million museum expansion plan is completed. The museum, of which the first phase is completed, houses a wide range of decorative and applied arts, while Irish archaeology remains in Kildare Street.

Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, was to have opened the museum but stayed away as curatorial staff picketed outside in protest at their lack of





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Macho adverts blamed for road pollution

tacked yesterday over links between pollution and the macho culture of big highperformance cars. The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution said that technology could deliver cars 40 per cent more fuel efficient and less damaging to the environment.

A commission report decried the advertising of cars which put engine size. luxury and acceleration over protecting public health. One member, Clair Chilvers, Professor of Epidemiology at Nottingham University, said a campaign was needed to make small, less gas-guzzling cars more sexy

Peter Doyle, another member and executive director of the pharmaceutical and agrochemical company Zeneca, said: "The current emphasis of motor industry advertising is taking us in the opposite direction to environmental sustainability.

The fashion for larger-engined cars and four-wheeldrive vehicles highlighted a cultural crisis. The commission said that few people used four-wheel-drives off the road, and the safety claims for smaller vehicles were

The Government was urged to hold talks with the industry, to see how advertising could be modified. Roland Clift, director of the Centre for Environmental Strategy at the University of Surrey, said advertising campaigns should also try to change driving habits: Most of the fuel consumption, 50 to 60 per cent, is taken up by aerodynamic drag. If you halve your speed, you save 25 per cent of the fuel. You also reduce

It is three years since the

A BRITISH company

cars and taxis whose

exhaust pipe will be

only emission from the

water vapour. Zeveo has

made a prototype fuel-

cell vehicle for postal

services in Italy, and is

talking to taxi operators in London because its

engines provide similar

range to diesel engines,

Production will start

Thanet, Kent. aimed at

full output in two years,

targeting commercial vehicles first. Nick Abson,

at a £2 million factory near

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performance and

is set to make engines for

CHANGE IN THE AIR FROM FUEL CELLS

Nick Nuttall and

come into effect from 2000, would be followed by even tighter limits from 2005, de-

spite industry resistance. Cleaner fuels, able to reduce

emissions such as sulphur,

would be given more help.

Councils would be able to

charge for road use and non-

residential private parking, using the money on integrated

transport system. Urban ar-eas and suburbs would no

longer be designed in ways

that enforce dependence on

Car makers reacted angrily

to criticisms, saying that they had poured billions of pounds

into clean technology which

had cut exhaust emissions by

30 per cent in five years, and

said that ultimate responsi-

bility for pollution rested with

thousands of motorists who

refused to service or maintain

their cars. Ten per cent of cars

cause half the pollution, ac-cording to RAC figures.

Kevin Eason

report on calls

for dearer fuel and 'sexier'

small cars

royal commission's first report on transport. For the commission to revisit a subject is unprecedented. Its chairman, Sir John Houghton, former chief executive of the Meteorological Office, said transport represented the biggest envi-ronmental challenge of the age: There have been large shifts in attitudes and policy, and there is much talk of the right kind. There remains the problem of translating talk

into action."

The commission hopes that its recommendations will form part of a White Paper on transport. It says that lorries should need a permit - at a price - to use motorways, to better reflect their environmental impacts and costs in terms of damage to highways. Other measures include a tenyear fuel price rise, above the Government's current escalator of 5 per cent above inflation, to reduce car usage. Current increases were being undermined by a fall in under-

lying fuel prices.
Other key recommendations include proper planning to deliver an integrated transport system linking the car with buses, light rail, walking and cycling, and a sliding scale vehicle excise duty making it far cheaper to run a small, fuel-efficient car.

Tighter limits on emissions

the chief executive,

must move to new

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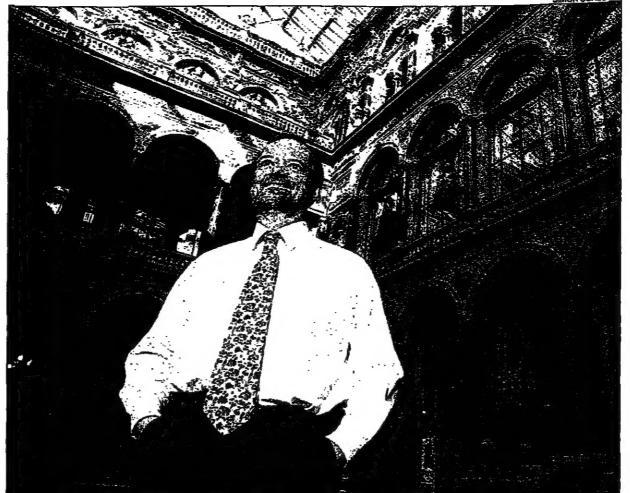
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said: "The motor industry

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Robin Cook at the Foreign Office yesterday. He hopes its historic open day will present an "unstuffy" image

Foreign Office dons new school tie

By MICHAEL BINYON

ALMOST 1,000 schoolchilcareers officers will today visit the Foreign Office, watch diplomats poring over telegrams and dispatches and help Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, to inau-gurate a British Consulate in Ekaterinburg via a tele-vision link to the central Russian city.

The Foreign Office is throwing open its doors for the first time on a normal working weekday to show that it is no longer dominated by the old boys of a few public schools. Under "new" Labour, the new Foreign Office is redoubling efforts to encourage applications from women, ethnic minorities and graduates of pro-vincial universities.

"Many people have no idea that the FCO is staffed by down-to-earth, unstuffy people." Mr Cook said. "I want it to represent all the communities of Britain."

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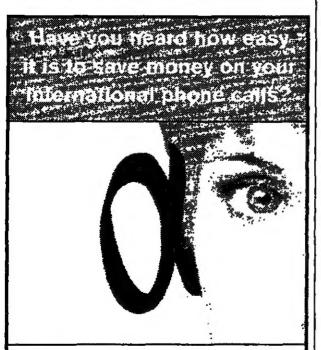
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Attacks force Hindley portrait to be removed LEE

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

THE controversial portrait of the Moors murderer Myra Hindley in the Royal Academy of Arts' Sensation exhibition has had to be removed from display after being attacked and damaged by two protesters when the show opened yesterday.

The painting, Marcus Harvey's Myra, which could take up to a week to restore, was withdrawn from the exhibition temporarily last night as experts assessed the damage.

The first incident occurred when a man walked into the gallery with two small canisters containing red and blue Indian ink. He threw them at the portrait and was arrested.

About an hour later, a second man was taken into custody after four eggs were thrown. "We hope to return the painting to the exhibition within a week. It depends entirely on the assessment provided by our conservators," a spokeswoman said.

Three callers to the children's charity Kidscape had earlier offered to attack the

painting. Winnie Johnson, the mother of Moors victim Keith Bennett, said the attacks were "brilliant and they should do it every day. I'm thrilled to bits it's happened and I'm hoping they will have to take it down.

Earlier Mrs Johnson, who was among protesters outside the venue, insisted the 9ft by lift picture of Hindley, formed by using child handprints, should be removed. "It is criminal and it is disgusting. She [Hindley] is not a person. She is a monster."

Her son was 12 when he went missing 33 years ago. His body has never been found. Hindley has admitted that she and her accomplice. lan Brady, killed him.

The academy sent out tea and sandwiches to Mrs Johnson and other protesters and offered her the chance to be shown around the exhibition by David Gordon, the secretary. Mrs Johnson refused.

Earlier, the Metropolitan Police Vice Squad investigated works depicting rotting animal carcasses and mutilated



The portrait Myra, by Marcus Harvey

bodies after a complaint from a woman whose child was murdered by a paedophile. Inspector Ron Holmes said he was satisfied that there was a warning notice about the Chapman brothers' mutant mannequins with genitalia for facial features. "I don't think it warrants prosecution."

Another member of the academy, Gillian Ayres, 67, resigned in protest at the Hindley portrait. "I'm a mother. Feelings matter very

first. My sympathy is with the parents.

James Robinson, the academy's deputy secretary, said he regretted her decision, but added: "We've had loads of letters from academicians. Not all are against it."

Protesters outside the show included members of Mothers Against Murder and Aggression. Using a loudhailer, they urged visitors not to "waste £7" on a ticket.

One protester, Silvester, said the exhibition was a glorification of violence: Myra Hindley's portrait would not be in there today if she hadn't killed those children. Maybe art does have a right to offend, but when a child is murdered the families of those children never live a normal life again."

Among yesterday's visitors the actor and singer lan Dury said it was clearly not intended to be about pleasure. Some 200,000 people are expected to visit the exhibition over the next few weeks.



Winnie Johnson, mother of one of the Moors murderers' victims, protesting outside the exhibition yesterday

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Armed Forces unlikely to face further cuts

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE Government is not expecting to reap a further peace dividend from the current strategic defence review. George Robertson, the De-Secretary, indicated yesterday.

The review will not be completed until next January, but Mr Robertson said it was aiready clear that the Armed Forces must retain the capability to operate in all types of military activity, from highintensity warfare to peacekeeping and humanitarian missions.

In a mid-review speech to the Royal United Services Institute in London, Mr Robertson said he was not going to eculate on "force structures or numbers or types of equip-

ment for the future". However, he said that if Britain was to continue playing a role in high-intensity conflicts and international security operations, "that could well require a demanding range and scale of capabilities".

Mr Robertson said: "It is now nearly ten years since the effective end of the Cold War. and we have already reaped a substantial peace dividend."

Since 1990, the strength of

the Armed Forces had been reduced from 315,000 to 215,000, some 32 per cent. The number of conventionally armed submarines had fallen from 28 to 12; the number of destroyers and frigates from 48 to 35: infantry battalions from 55 to 40; the number of tanks cut by 45 per cent, and

aircraft by some 30 per cent. He said: "The previous Tory Government argued that they had maintained strong defences. In truth, in many areas they left the Armed Forces with serious problems."

He added: "Our increased operational commitments since the end of the Cold War have demonstrated that many British defence areas are sul fering from severe over-

review would ask whether "we have the right capabilities, either now or planned, and whether we correctly interpreted what technology will

The review would also focus and capabilities".

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Cover



Palm tells future for detectives

DETECTIVES are to use paim reading to catch criminals in Cambridge-shire (Stewart Tendler writes). The first computerised system for storing palm prints was unveiled by the force yesterday.

Police say palm prints they are as unique as fingerprints, although fingerprints are used more because they are more widely found. Trials of the £30,000 system. starting with 500 prints. resulted in 12 arrests.

Video games 'teach sexism and violence'

CHILDREN are losing them-selves in a world of evil foreigners, big-chested women and the need to prove themselves through violence, says an academic study. They are spending too long playing fantasy video games.

The games are being taken more seriously than many adults realise, says Dr Ken Parsons, a senior sociology lecturer at the Manchester Metropolitan University:

"Playing a game can be, and
more often than not is, a
serious undertaking — on its
outcome rests their feelings of self-esteem and competence.

To put it in adult terms. playing a game is a child's true reality — this takes it beyond the boundaries of its meaning for adults. In this sense, there is a danger that children and young people may become addicted to sex. addicted to sexism, addicted to

In a sample of 61 teenagers - 36 boys and 25 girls aged 13 to 16 - questioned at youth clubs in Crewe and Dundee, about a quarter feared they were becoming addicted to the

It is a world of fantasy aggression and impossibly shaped women, but a study warns that children take it seriously. Russell Jenkins reports

pervade many children's

operiences." He identified three kinds of

ame: fantasies such as Zeldo

3 and Dungeon Keeper, brain

teasers such as Super Mario

Brothers, and blaster games such as Interstellar Assault.

Killer Instinct and Fighters

Megamix. The games chiefly

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The study found that a third

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of parents - who generally

pay for the games, costing up

to £45 each — are concerned

that their children lack physi-

cal fitness, and 10 per cent

expressed concern at the anti-

social behaviour that such

games, with about 10 per cent spending more than 30 hours a week in front of the computer screen. One in 20 said they could not live without constant gratification of "beat 'em up" computer games, such as Street Fighter and Duke Nukem 3D.

The video-fantasy girl, Lara Croft, who stars in Playstation's Tomb Raider, had become a craze among impressionable adolescents as a sex symbol with attitude". Dr Parsons said: These games encourage sexism and condition children to view the world in a way that they see on a computer screen.

"Men are never rescued by women. Themes of female sex games encouraged. A third of the teenagers had been en-couraged by their families to reduce their playing time, one in five had experienced physical strain through playing too much, and 26 per cent admitted they were "too attached" to games and found it difficult to

stop playing. The software in which Lara Croft stars is a bestseller, crossing more than El million in the first six months after its launch in October 1996. Dr Parsons describes her as a "gun-wielding baddie-blast-ing sex symbol, whose very large breasts are designed to be out of proportion with the rest of her body."

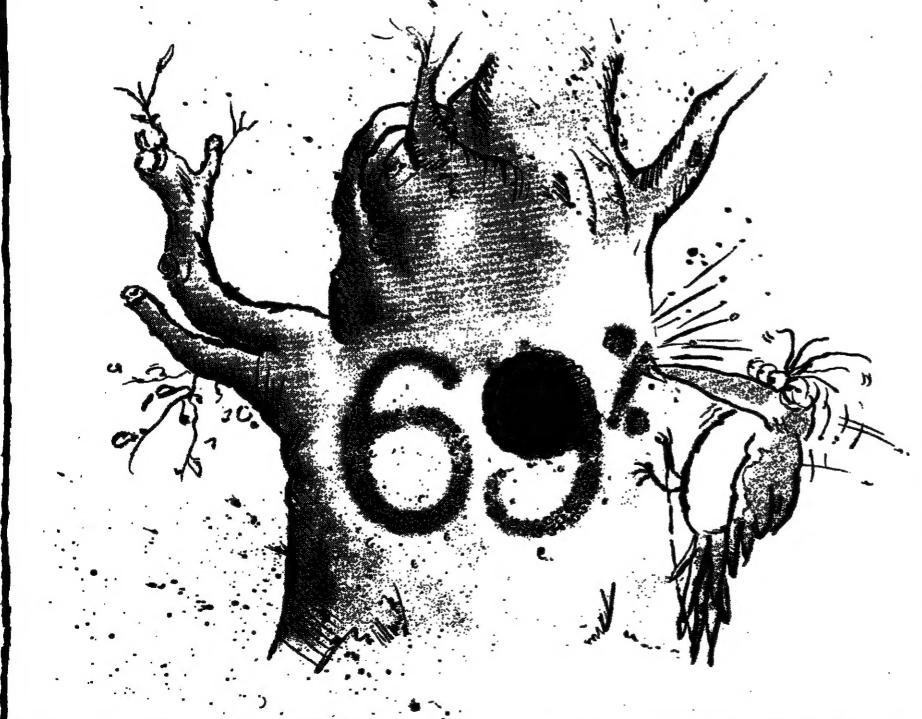
Her female competition includes Q-Bee, a bee woman. who is advertised as being "sexy in her ultra-cute

Lara Croft's pin-up picture has appeared as a centrefold in Loaded magazine. The character has a spawned a television series and a record. and it has been rumoured that game where the player can peel away her clothes



The actress Rhona Mitra as Lara Croft at the launch of a computer game

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Teenagers in North take most drugs

ingly turning to drugs, while in London and the South the practice is in decline, accordng to a Home Office study

published today. Among the trend-setting 16 to 19-year-olds, the North now has a higher level of drug abuse than London, a reversal of the position three years ago. The study even suggests that the fashion for dance drugs, such as Ecstasy, may be in decline in London and the

Wales, the level of drug misand 1996, although it is too early to suggest that this is anything other than a pause before abuse rises again.

Almost half of young people in England and Wales aged 16 to 29 claimed to have taken an illegal drug at some time in their lives, but more recent consumption was much lower, according to results from the 1996 British Crime Survey.

About one in four had taken an illegal drug in the past 12 months and one in seven in the past month, the study, conducted in 1993-1994 and again in 1995-1996, found. In 1994, 23 per cent of 16 to 29year-olds had taken an illegal drug in the past year.

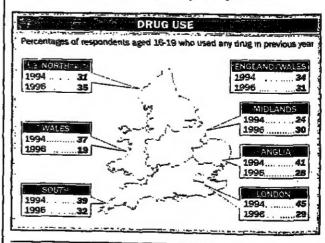
Cannabis is the most commonly used drug, followed by amphetamines and LSD. But Ecstasy is the least popular of the hallucinogenic drugs, with only 9 per cent of 16 to 29-yearolds ever taking it.

George Howarth, a Home Office Minister, said that, though the figures remained worryingly high, the overall results of the study challenged the notion that drug misuse was escalating out of control. "We have to remember that, for most young people, drug-taking is not part of their normal behaviour and that just one in seven had taken a

drug in the last month." He added that, for many young people, taking drugs was an isolated experience or something they grew out of, and that the Government was acting to help more of them to

make sensible decisions Butm while the study of 11,000 people aged 16 to 59 highlights relatively stable levels of drug misuse in England and Wales, it found clear regional differences between the North and Midlands and the South. The North has the highest rates of all regions, both for the taking of any drug and dance drugs in 1996, when two years earlier it was below the national average.

The study found that 26 per cent of 16 to 29-year-olds in the North and 19 per cent in the Midlands used a drug in the past year, compared with 22 per 'cent and 16 per cent respectively in 1994.



SNP organisers face the music

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

FORGET the power dressing of Labour conferences. Cagoules and wellington boots are called for at the annual gathering of Scottish nationalists on the Isle of Bute, in

the Firth of Clyde, next week, An accommodation short-age in the main town of Rothesay, caused by a clash with Bute's International Country Music Festival, has condemned an unlucky few SNP delegates to a rainy week in a caravan or under

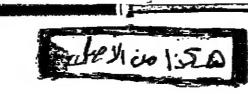
About 1,000 party members are expected to arrive on the island next Wednesday, followed on Friday by 700 country music fans. But with only 27 botels and a dozen guesthouses in the town amounting to about 800 beds. there is not a bed to be had. The SNP has advertised in The Buteman for local people willing to open their homes and more than 50 have responded, some offering rooms free of charge. But some party members may have to bed down in a Scout hall or brave the forecast Sep tember rain in a field made

Salmond, SNP leader. an hotel room, as do the SNP HQ staff, most of whom are

available by the council.

Careful to book early, Alex

staying in the Victoria Hotel. Gerry Chambers, an SNP member on Bute who is help ing to arrange emerger accommodation, said: "We advised delegates to book early. Most people took our advice but we still have about a dozen delegates looking for



Covert cookbook makes a meal of spying

WORKING on the principle that America's heart can be reached through its stomach. the CIA has produced a commemorative cookbook of covert recipes designed to give the persecuted spy agency greater public appeal on its 50th anniversary.

At bookshops throughout the United States next week. readers will be able to peruse Spies. Black Ties and Mango Pies, a pot-pourri of culinary delights from former agents and their spouses, including Barbara Bush and the wives of eight other former CIA directors as well, as Stephanie Glakas-Tenet, wife of the

Cooking was one of the few topics considered permissible at the dinner tables of the agency's extended empire.

Food and cooking, along with
my family, allowed me to cope with and even enjoy my strange world," writes Kay Shaw Nelson, a cookbook author and former CIA agent.

Some of the recipes show the resourceful nature of spymasters' wives. Apple and cabbage salad, and coleslaw souffié, were created by CIA families in Moscow when local shops carried little other than the vegetable. There is even a formula for dog biscuits and directions, as follows, for snake soup. "Catch a cobra. Cut off its head and remove the skin and internal organs. Chop the body into 2inch pieces. Put pieces in a

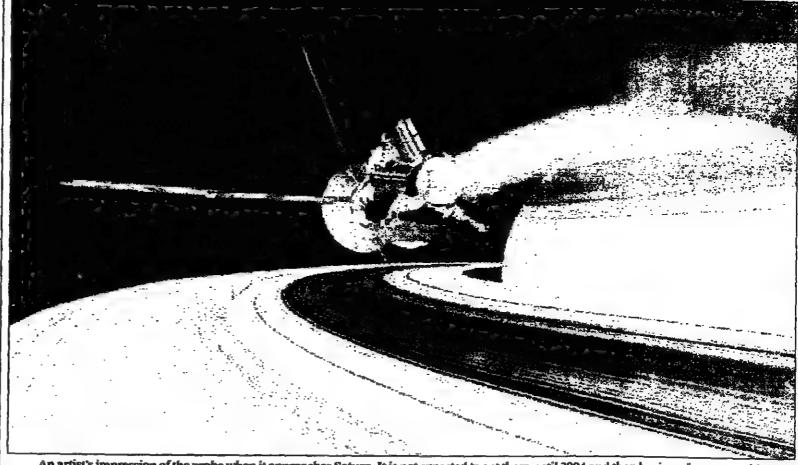
large por with half a gallon of water and boil for 45 minutes. Add monosodium glutamate and salt and boil for 30 minutes. Serve hot."

Recipes also include accompanying tales of derring-do. Exotic swordfish in marinade recalls a group of agents being tailed as they sought a restaurant in a communist country. Eventually the tails helped them to find it.

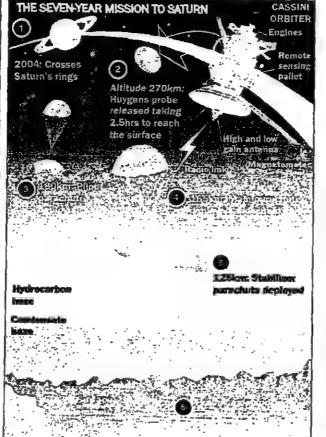
Mrs Bush, who lived in China when her husband was head of the US Liaison Office in Beijing, remembers the terrors of the Chinese sea slug. Whenever we had Chinese guests, our chef insisted we serve them," she writes. "To add insult to injury, sea slugs cost \$25 a pound. When we served them at banquets, we bit the bullet and ate them."

Most of the more than 100 contributing cooks have kept their last names secret, an ironic twist at a time when the agency has been desperate to forget the clandestine horrors of its past. But some authors, who submitted their names to the CIA's publications review office, felt it necessary to conceal their identity. "If people in foreign embassies go through and read the stories." explained Barbara X, "they'll know so and so must have been working for the agency. We didn't want to make horribly crystal-clear where

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An artist's impression of the probe when it approaches Saturn. It is not expected to get there until 2004 and then begins a four-year orbit



Biggest space probe ready for £2bn voyage to Saturn

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

THE century's last great planetary probe - and the biggest spacecraft to be sent to the outer solar system — is ready for launch at Cape Canaveral.

British scientists have a big share in Cassini-Huygens, a project that has occupied 4,000 people for the past six years, and will have cost £2.2 billion when it reaches Saturn in 2004. Eleven laboratories have contributed to experiments on the ringed planet and its largest moon, Titan.

As big as a single-decker bus. Cassini-Huygens is the last great hurrah of the era of planetary exploration which began in the 1960s. Future missions will be cheaper and much quicker, but will not have the same capacity to gather information, said Prolessor David Southwood of Imperial College. "This is the only chance we'll get to go to Saturn in our lifetime."

The mission has two craft which will travel together. Cassini will go into a fouryear orbit around Saturn, while the European-built Huygens probe will descend to the surface of Titan, which

is almost as big as Mars. Launch was delayed by a mishap when a cooling blower damaged insulation inside the Huygens probe. Yesterday British scientists said the launch was set for October 13.

There will be a long wait for results. "This is the most massive probe ever launched into deep space, and even with the most powerful rockets it can't go direct to Saturn." said Dr John Zarnecki, of the University of Kent. "We have to use fly-bys of other planets

Cassini-Huygens will make close passes of Venus in April 1998 and June 1999, the Earth in August 1999, and Jupiter in

December 2000. It will reach Saturn in June 2004 and will go into orbit around it.

Four months after entering orbit. Cassini will release Huygens, which will approach Titan at 12,000mph. Titan is the only moon in the solar system to have an atmosphere, and Huygens will slow down with parachutes designed by the Martin-Baker company, based near Ux-bridge, Middlesex.

After seven years and a journey of more than two billion miles, the probe will have a maximum of half an hour of life to send back data.

Britain is to spend £36 million - 1.5 per cent of the total cost - on the mission. Teams from nine British universities, the Rutherford Ap-pleton Laboratory and the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences are involved with

Blast kills island miners

Longyearbyen: A powerful explosion killed 23 Russians and Ukrainians working in a coal mine on the remote Norwegian Svalbard Islands. officials said.

The victims were Russians and Ukrainians working in a mine in Barentsburg, 30 miles west of Longyearbyen, the district capital of Svalbards.

The islands, 400 miles north of the mainland, have several Russian coal-mining settlements, allowed under a 1920 treaty. The cause of the blast was not known. At least 34 people survived. (AP)

Public execution

Moscow: A Chechen firing squad has executed two men in front of a crowd of several thousand people in the Square of the Friendship of the Peoples in Grozny (Robin Lodge writes). It was the second public execution this month and was carried out in defi-ance of Moscow's protests. The two were convicted by a Sharia (Islamic) court of murdering a mother and her two children during a robbery.

Contest chaos

New York: The Rev Al Sharpton, the black Democrat fighting for his party's nomination for November's mayoral election here, vowed to "fight in court" after a chaotic recount of absentee voters knocked him out of the run-off next week (Tunku Varadarajaa writes). Ruth Messinger, Ms rival, had originally been credited with 39.9 per centrof the vote, but her tally was later put at a winning 41.16 per cent.

Crooner dies

Nice: Georges Guétary, the French crooner whose 60-year career included a major Hollywood role with Gene Kelly in An American in Paris, has died aged 82. He was born Lambros Worlou to a Greek family in the Egyptian city of Alexandria. (Reuters)

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Bonn shrugs off Kinkel doubts on budget target

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

expected to be fairly low-key.

as finance ministers from both sides are attending the Inter-

national Monetary Fund an-

nual meeting in Hong Kong. President Chirac and lead-

ing Cabinet ministers will also

attend the two-day talks.

which will cover eastward

expansion of the European Union (EU), a proposed Euro-

pean jobs summit in November, and Germany's demand

for a reduction in its EU

As discussions got under

way, a poll, conducted by the

Bayarian Wickert Institutes.

revealed that nearly three out

of four Germans fear the euro

will be weaker than the mark.

Only 17 per cent of the 970 interviewed did not share such

views and 42 per cent said they were not well enough in-

The Finance Ministry denied there was any truth in

rumours circulating in foreign

exchange markets that Herr Waigel has resigned. A spokeswoman said it was

"nonsense" to suggest he had

chairman of the CDU in the

Saar region, Peter Müller. Herr Müller said Herr

Waigel's mismanagement of

the economy would cost the

Christian Democrats the gen-

eral election next September.

formed to voice an opinion.

budget contributions.

THE German Government has played down harmful comments by Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, about the single European currency before the Franco-German summit, which began in the state of Thuringia yesterday

Officials from the Foreign and Finance Ministries were quick to "clarify" that Germany had not relaxed its commitment to reaching the Maastricht treaty budget target, despite suggestions by Herr Kinkel that economic and monetary union (EMU) could begin regardless of deficit levels.

In an interview with a German radio station, Herr Kinkel seemed to imply that EMU would happen even if Germany and France had not reached the 3 per cent target set by the treaty, just as Bonn and Paris were both emphasising that the single currency would start exactly as planned. His comments were broadcast as the Bundesbank and the French Government confirmed that the euro would be launched on time.

It is not the first time Herr Kinkel has strayed from the party line on EMU budget deficits. On the last occasion he received a public knucklerapping from Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, and Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. But Herr Kohl, who is trying to convince a sceptical public in an election year to give up the mark, will be keen to smooth over problems within his Christian Democrative Democrat (CDU-FDP) coalition for the 70th biennial

being held in the town of Weimar.

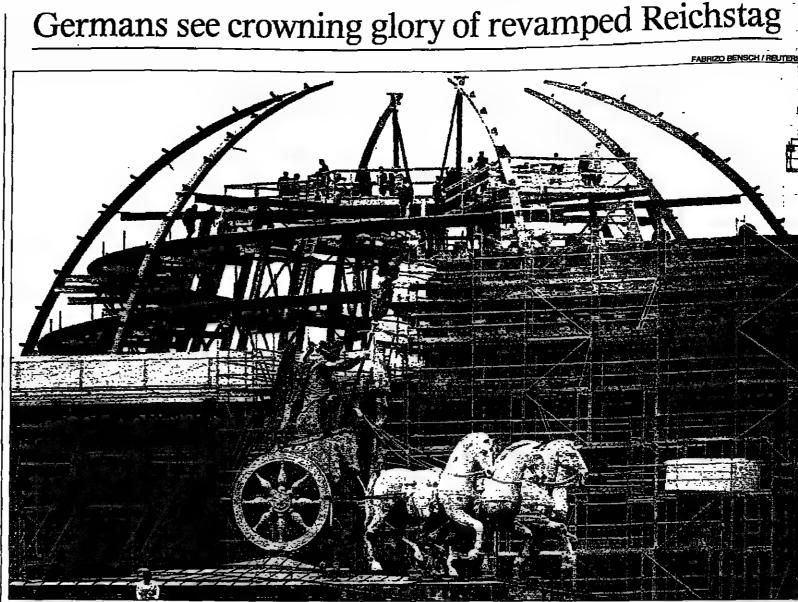
Herr Kohl and Lionel Jospin, France's Prime Minister, are said to have patched up differences over Europe and both are eager to discuss EMU. It is the first time the summit has been held in the

old Communist east, but is

Franco-German summit,



Kinkel: wrong message on single currency



Visitors inspect the Reichstag during a topping-out ceremony in Berlin yesterday. The Quadriga statue on the Brandenburg Gate is in the foreground. Sir Norman Foster, the British architect heading the reconstruction project, and Rita Süssmuth, the

British architect celebrates success

president of the Bundestag, the lower house of the German parliament, celebrated together, below, before a new cupola, trimmed with garlands, was lifted on top of the dome. The new design, with its glass additions, retains the grandeur of the original High Renaissance structure while

introducing an airy feel. The Reichstag burnt to the ground weeks after Hitler's rise to power in 1933 and was destroyed in the final days of the Second World War. The German Government is to move from Boan to Berlin in 1999.

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Yeltsin hints at deal on Kuriles

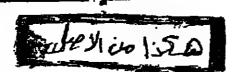
Moscow: President Yeltsin yesterday sald Russia might be willing to compromise with Japan over the Kurile Islands, when he urged "joint development" of the territory, disputed for a half-century (Richard Beeston writes).

Mr Yeltsin said in the

persuaded that the problem would be resolved after the turn of the century by a

Mr Yellsin clearly hopes to break the deadlock when he meets Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, next month in Krosnoyarsk. sia's most neglected areas and Japanese investment could be the key to their future. Mr Yeltsin may have been influenced by Aleksandr Lebed, his former National Security Adviser, who in Japan this week suggested a 20-year handover of the Kuriles and a





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Terrorist gang kills ten in midday raid on museum tourist bus

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By Christopher Walker MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JSPECTED Islamic miliints killed ten people, including six German tourists, on a tourist bus in the centre of Cairo yesterday. Nineteen other Egyptians and tourists were wounded.

Five men disguised as businessmen attacked the bus. carrying 33 tourists, which was parked outside the Egyptian Museum at midday. One man boarded and started shooting. When he saw several tourists escaping through the rear entrance, he threw a petrol bomb inside. He then ran out and put a second omb under the bus.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said that the attack was "cowardly and contemptible". In Washington, Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, said that it was "barbaric". Kofi Annan. the UN Secretary-General, also strongly denounced the attack.

Fabian Muir, an Australian tourist, said that he and his girlfriend were about 30ft from the buses when they heard shots. "We were walking toward the gate of the two shots. Then a big flame rose up above the top of the bus." The couple hid next to a wall. "We ducked. We lay down near a low wall. The Egyptian police were shouting to us, 'Get down, get down'," he said.

Amid scenes of chaos, in which many frightened tourists were temporarily locked inside the museum as police struggled for more than 30 minutes to capture the gunmen, a French tourist said: "I was outside the building and saw a man running out of the bus in flames."

Police sealed off all roads leading to the area close to the central Tahrir Square, the site of earlier attacks against foreigners. An Indian business-



An Egyptian official in the burnt-out wreckage of the Cairo bus. Terrorists shot at passengers before petrol bombs were thrown. Six of the dead were German tourists

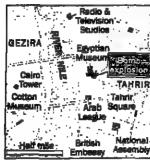
tourists covered in blood being led away by police.

The Egyptian Interior Ministry said one of the men arrested, Farahat Abu el-Ela, had escaped from a mental hospital where he was being held after killing three foreigners at the Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel in Cairo in 1993. His brother Mahmoud was also arrested after the attack. Security sources said the third gunman was shot in the head and was in a critical condition. Two attackers escaped.

Yesterday's attack was seen as a defiant response by the militants, who are fighting for an Iranian-style revolution, to boasts from senior Egyptian security officials that they had been defeated and driven to marginal areas of Upper Egypt 250 miles from the capital. Three days earlier, a subversion in Egypt's largest terrorist trial. Four were sentenced to death and eight to life imprisonment

The blow to the tourist industry, vital for Egypt's ailing economy, was described by one Western diplomat as "doubly damaging" because it came as tourism was just recovering from an an earlier wave of Islamist violence. The most serious attack was

in April last year when 17



Greek tourists were shot outside their hotel close to the Pyramids by Islamic extremists who mistook them for Israelis.

Although the main Islamic roups lighting to overthrow President Mubarak and what they describe as his "apostate regime" have repeatedly warned foreign tourists and businessmen to leave the country, their threats have been increasingly ignored since 1995. The Government has contemptuously dismissed peace moves from

some of the militants. According to Arab security experts, the Islamic groups attempting to overthrow President Mubarak are badly split. Yesterday's attack was seen as an indication that one wing remains bitterly opposed to any suggestion of a ceasefire.

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Witnesses tell of gunfight

FROM EMAD MEKAY IN CAIRO

CAIRO'S fashionable and cuitural heart was a scene of mayhem with smoke from the burning bus hanging over Tahrir Square.

The pavement beside the bus was strewn with spent cartridges and flooded with water where the fire helgade had tried to bring the blaze under control.

"We first heard an explosion which sounded like a car tyre going off," said Ahmed Ozlab, who watched the attack from a third-floor window overlooking the scene. "As I rushed to the window to see what had happened another explosion followed and the front of the bus was

windows were shattered. Tourists were jumping off the rear of the bus and running away. Some of them were bleeding badly."

A newspaper seller who works near Tahrir Square said he saw the police run after one attacker and catch him. "He was casually dressed," he said. "When the policemen caught him the crowds shouted 'Allahu

"I was sitting in the coffee shop," said Maga Bohn, a Danish tourist at the nearby Nile Hilton. "I heard the shots. We went to see what was happening but the police pushed us back.

terrorists] were shooting in the air at first for at least ten minutes but later they were shooting at the police. One of the terrorists was hiding under the buses, another was running between them. Later we saw the armoured cars of the police commandos arrive. It was they who arrested the

terrorists." By midday all that re-mained of the bombed bus was a blackened skeleton of seat frames and broken

At least three other buses were riddied with bullet holes. One bullet neatly punctured the glass above a driver's seat. where he had placed a Koran

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Violence likely as settler deal is spurned

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ISRAEL is braced for widespread Palestinian violence today after an aide to Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, dismissed as a "trick" an Israeli compromise to end the occupation by Jewish settlers of two former Palestinian houses in annexed east Jerusalem.

Israeli security sources said the Government had been warned that Palestinian resentment would be whipped up by speakers at mosques during Friday prayers in east Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Arab anger was likely to spill on to the streets.

The complex political deal was hammered out after hours of talks involving Irving Moskowitz, the American Jewish multimillionaire who financed the purchase of the disputed houses at Ras al-Amoud, overlooking al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine. Under the deal, the three families who moved into the buildings under cover of darkness would voluntarily move out, but ten Jewish yeshiva (seminary) students would be allowed to live in the premises, which would become a religious school.

The Palestinian Cabinet was in emergency session in Gaza last night to formulate its official reaction to the deal. Ahmed Tibi, a senior aide to Mr Arafat, said the Israeli

Government had "now given

legitimacy to the presence of

the so-called veshiva students". He said on Israel radio: "Mr Netanyahu will be responsible for the reaction." Meanwhile, the Israeli death toll in clashes in Lebanon this month rose to 16

yesterday when an Israeli officer, 21, was killed by an anti-tank rocket fired by Hezbollah guerrillas. Babies abducted: A former senior Israeli figure, Rabbi Menachem Porush, has broken a decades-long silence to confirm that authorities snatched hundreds of babies

from Yemeni Jewish immi-

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Ugandan cult rebels 'use children as sex slaves'

from northern Uganda are being forced to take up arms and serve as sexual slaves by a rebel group which aims to rule Uganda according to the Ten

Most of those abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and turned into child foldiers are aged between 13 and 16. The children, say two published human rights reports, are made to take part in combat, act as personal servants and, in the case of girls, to serve as

"wives" to rebel commanders. Between 5,000 and 8,000 children have been conscripted in the past three years, according to Amnesty International. In a report, Breaking God's commands: the destruc-tion of childhood by the Lord's Resistance Army, the organisation says children are being tortured, murdered and trained by the LRA to fight government troops.

Amnesty's findings are corroborated by those of the New-York based Human Rights Watch, which claims that kidRights groups say kidnapped teenagers must fight or die in the Lord's Resistance Army, reports David Orr

napped children are made to

undergo brutal initiation ceremonies. These involve beating and hacking to death fellow child captives who had tried to

Using testimony from children who have escaped. Amnesty paints a picture of abuse and trauma. Children who refuse to comply with rebel commands are starved, raped and whipped.

"The commander gave us husbands, except for the young ones, those below 13," said one former child soldier. "But from 13 onwards, we were all given as wives. There was no marriage ceremony. If you refuse, you are killed."
The abduction of girls and

their forced marriage to older LRA soldiers is the cornerstone of the movement's internal organisation, said Amnesty. Girls are allocated as a reward and incentive for male soldiers. "If a husband gets

tired of his wife, he gets rid of her and she is given to someone else," said a counsellor working with former child soldiers in Uganda. "Within a one-year period, girls would

have seen many husbands." Nearly all female escapees were found to have syphilis or other sexually transmitted dis-

Museveni: guerrillas want to depose him

eases. Counsellors say that all kidnapped girls eventually fall victim to rape by the head of the LRA "family" to which they are allocated.

Children who escape are often afraid to go home for fear of reprisals against themselves and their families, said Human Rights Watch. The conflict is believed to have displaced more than 200,000

The LRA, which terrorises villages in northern Uganda. might be dismissed as a band of crazed eccentrics were it not for the havoc it sows. Bicycles are outlawed by the movement and those caught cycling have their feet hacked off. There are also reports of peasants having their ears or lips cut off.

A weird cultish belief dic-

tates that all white animals, and all pigs, must be slaughtered. Farmers found working on Fridays - like Sunday. deemed a day of rest - are

killed. The LRA, committed to the overthrow of the Government of President Museveni, is supported by the Islamic fundamentalist Government of Sudan. The movement has been receiving arms from Khartoum in return for helping in attacks against Sudanese People's Liberation Army rebels in southern Sudan.

Military sources in Uganda indicate, however, that Sudan has recently cut off supplies to the LRA, forcing hundreds of its fighters back into Uganda.

The LRA has its origins in the fragmentation of government forces after the 1986 overthrow of Milton Obote's dictatorial regime by President Museveni. Some die-hards from the Acholi tribal area of the north took to the bush, where they joined the Holy Spirit Movement of the self-styled priestess, Alice Lakwena After a period under the leadership of Lakwena's father, the movement was taken over by Joseph Kony, her cousin, who renamed it



Doctors treat Azem Hajdari after he was shot by a fellow MP yesterday

Albanian MP shoots rival in parliament.

By Richard Owen and James Pettifer

first serious political violence since the June election which brought the Socialists to power when a leading supporter of Sali Berisha, the ousted right-wing President, was shot and seriously wounded yesterday inside the parliament in Tirana.

Azem Hajdari was recovering in hospital after being shot by Gafur Mazreku, an MP from the ruling Socialists.

Mr Mazreku was no longer an MP but an fordinary criminal", said Fatos Nano, the Prime Minister, adding the he would be relieved of his seat. The Socialist-dominated assembly voted to lift Mr Mazreku's parliamentary immunity so that he could be charged with the attempted doctors said had been wounded in the lungs, legs and shoulders.

The two men had earlier come to blows in parliament during a debate on Tuesday on proposals by Arben Malaj, the Finance Minister, to raise value-added tax.

The roots of the shooting appear to lie rather deeper than a difference over economic policy, however. Ten-

ALBANIA experienced its sions have run high between Right and Left since Mr Nano, a political prisoner under Mr Berisha, became Prime Minister after the June elections. The elections brought to an end the Democratic Party's dominance of post-Communist Albania. and rightwingers have complained that the former Communists have since "per-secuted" the defeated Right and stifled its voice by refus-

ing it television time. Mr Hajdari was a prominent student leader during the 1990-1991 led by Dr Berisha, the former heart surgeon who

became President in 1992. But suspicion of the former Communists and resentment of their cruelty when in power Hoxha remained strong. Mr Hajdari, known for his flery oratory and temperament was notably tough in his dealings with the Socialists during his period as head the parliamentary public order and security committee. which oversees the police and security services. Socialist demonstrations were broken up and left-wing leaders were detained and beaten.

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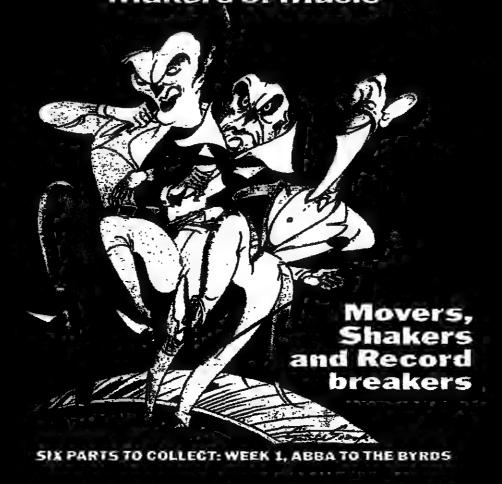
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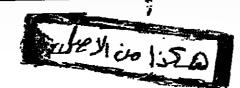
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Jiang purges key 'liberal' rival for leadership

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELING

THE third most powerful man in the Chinese leadership, the secretive but seemingly liberal Qiao Shi, was dropped from the Central Committee of the Communist Party in a surprise move yesterday as President Jiang Zemin consolidatled his position as party chief.

Mr Qiao, 72, who is chairman of China's parliament, the National People's Congress, and credited with making it less of a rubberstamp body, was the most senior figure in the leadership who had differences with the President, despite claims of unity after the death in February of Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader and architect of China's market reforms.

Mr Qiao's departure from the Central Committee means he loses his position as one of the six members of the standing committee of the powerful Politburo. President Jiang has therefore lost a potential rival.

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There had been speculation China, would end up out in the cold about Mr Qiao's future ranking in along with his proteges, the sources

the standing committee, but never any suggestion he would step down. "He has retired," said one Chinese official, a former security chief who is now a political moderate.

Another standing committee member, General Liu Huaqing, 81, the country's senior military leader who was also considered a rival to Mr Jiang and sixth in the hierarchy, was also dropped, but his departure was less surprising on

account of his age.
Younger Politburo members were elected yesterday and Beijing will announce the complete line-up today. Chinese sources said last night it was virtually certain that the unpopular Prime Minister, Li Peng, who must step down in March after two terms, would be given Mr Qiao's parliamentary chairmanship.

Mr Qiao, who has done much to begin to build the rule of law in

added. Diplomats said that giving a parliamentary position to a hardliner such as Mr Li, who signed the martial law order that sent troops into Tiananmen Square in June 1989, would send the wrong signal to the world about Chinese reforms. Some Chinese officials indicated that Mr Li's move into Mr Qiao's post was not definite. You will see better by the end of the year," one said. The week-lung purty congress,

with 2048 delegates, adopted a programme of sweeping economic reforms, including selling or de-claring bankrupi many stateowned enterprises, while approving political changes to take China into the 21st century. The Chinese media hailed the congress as breaking new ideological ground. To some Chinese. Mr Qiao's fate was not surprising. There was never any doubt this would hap-

pen," one office worker said. "Qino

senior leader to luse his position was the former party chief. Zhao Ziyang, who was purged after apparently showing sympathy for demonstrating students

dented for someone of Qiao's stature to be unceremoniously dumped like this," one analyst said. China's leaders concede that the

difficult of the reform process. President Jiang's efforts to make state industries more efficient could increase unemployment and encourage corruption, with officials trying to buy state assets below

their value. "It doesn't matter to me who is up and who down." said a Beijing taxi-driver last night after the congress had ended. "We common folk will still be doing the



World Bank signals boom time for China

CHINESE economic development has been so rapid that, if China's 30 provinces were counted as individual economies, the 20 fastest growing economies in the world between 1978 and 1995 would have been Chinese, the World Bank said yesterday, forecasting further strong

growth. Although the bank describes a possible disastrous downturn, its outlook is optimistic. "Can China meet its challenges? We believe it can," said Vikram Nehru, main author of a World Bank report on the Chinese

The bank is holding its ดทหมลิโ Kong and its report is rich in superlatives about the China phenomenon. It underwrites this confidence by lending China more money than any other country, \$3 billion (£1.8 billion) last year and a total since the early 1980s of \$28

billion. Over the next 25 years it expects the Chinese economy to undergo a transformation which, the report claims, took about 65 years in Latin Ameri-

ca and 80 years in the world's 6 Poverty will most advanced economies. These changes, the bank fore-"will China's social fabric to the limit". as hundreds of mil-

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move to better jobs, agriculture gives way to industry and urbanisation increases. Within 50 years the average Chinese will no longer be a farmer but an employee in either industry or

The bank projects two future models for China. One, considered a far less likely scenario, is China becoming the first significant example in East Asia of rapid growth followed by stag-

The decline would be characterised by increasingly inefficient state industries, aiready leading loss-makers in the national economy, and widening disparities in wealth between regions, country and city, and the sexes.

Poverty and rural migration would increase, with cities becoming "tinderboxes of tensions". Sustained government action was needed to avoid this scenario, the bank

Nicholas Hope, the bank's

For economists

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former Country Director for China, yesterday described East Asian corruption as "a cancer". He said the absence in China of clear definitions of ownership was an obstacle to foreign investment.

In its list of China's systembank offers no comment on the role of the party or the absence of democratic institutions. Yesterday the current Country Director for China, Yukon Huang, observed that the party is "a cohesive forum for debate", and Mr Hope noted the beginnings of what he called Chinese "village

democracy". In its more optimistic scenario for the country, the World Bank foresees a "com-

petitive, caring and confident China" in which poverty will have been eliminated. according to Mr Huang. Mr Nehru anticipated an environmentally cleaner China with a functioning legal system.

it would be the world's second largest trading nation, able to feed its population largely with its own resources but also buying food on the world markets. In the optimistic model, China would be fully intregrated into the world economy, as a customer, supplier and investor, and with a "greater weight and voice in interna-

tional institutions". China's particular strengths, the World Bank observes, are its high rate of savings, its "pragmatic" reforms, a disciplined and relatively well-educated work force - and rich overseas Chinese who are eager to invest in the country of their

ethnic and cultural origin. Although women suffer discrimination. Mr Nehru said yesterday, their status was higher than in most other Third World countries. The report observes that education in China, while still limited for most people, is better than the Third World average.

UN warning on food crisis in North Korea

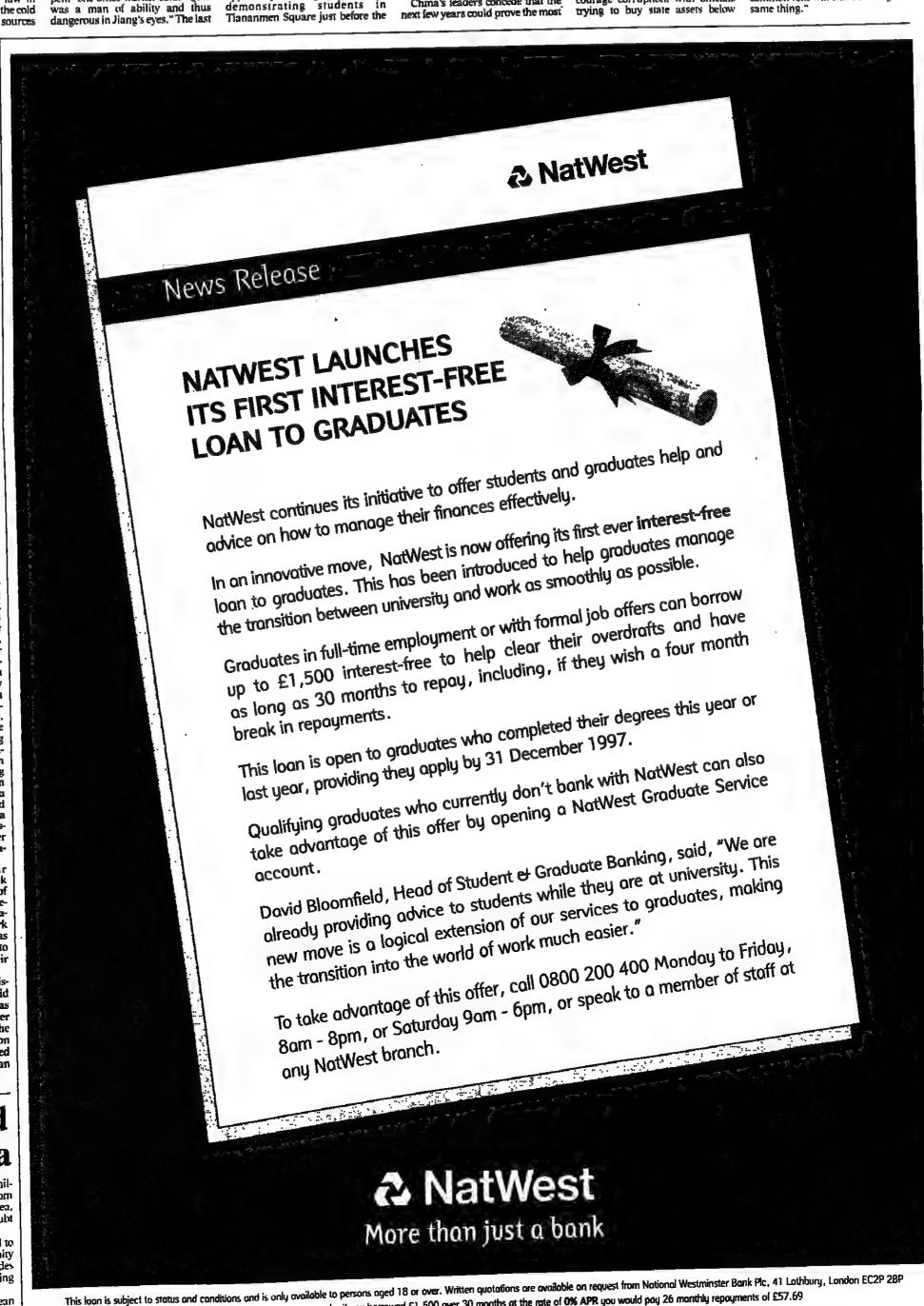
Kuala Lumpur: North Korea, hit by drought, tidal waves and floods, faces a shortage of 1.9 million tonnes of grain over the next year, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation said yesterday. We expect 700,000 [tonnes] should be provided through commercial means, but there would be a deficit of 1.2 million tonnes of grains, which would require international assistance," said Jacques Diouf, the

Director-General. World Vision, the American

aid group, said this week that

between 500,000 and two million people had died from starvation in North Korea, although other experts doubt the figure is that high. Pyongyang had appealed to

the international community for seed, fertiliser, pesticides and heavy earth-moving equipment M Diouf said. In Seoul, the South Korean Red Cross said it would ship its last batch of 50,000 tonnes of relief, including 7.552 tonnes of flour, potatoes and pow-dered milk, to the North this month. (Reuters, AP)



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A robbery, a reporter - and somewhere a cellar full of masterpieces

The FBI think it knows who committed the US art theft of the century, but not where the pictures are hidden. However, a journalist may have the key, says Barry Wigmore

he rendezvous was in the small hours. when streets are empeasy to spot. A car picked up Tom Mashberg, a reporter for the Boston Herald newspaper, on a street corner and took him on a zigzagging route around the city, the driver nervously looking in his rearview mirror all the time.

He whispered into a walkietalkie radio to friends in a backup car who were making sure no one was in pursuit. Eventually, the car pulled up outside a warehouse in a rundown neighbourhood and Mashberg was quickly ush-

They went through a series of padjocked doors, each one opened by the rubber-gloved guide with keys from a large ring. What Mashberg saw by torchlight in the creaking warehouse that night could solve the mystery of America's art theft of the century. It has certainly had FBI men running round in circles, scratch-

ing their heads in frustration. From a dusty tube the man in rubber gloves pulled what appeared to Mashberg's untutored eye to be Storm on the Sea of Galilee, a Rembrandt. The painting is one of a dozen works by such artists as Vermeer, Manet and Degas that were stolen seven years ago from a Boston museum. The paintings have been vaiby experts at anything from \$500 million up.



Connor Jr: master thief

With a flourish, the man pointed out Rembrandt's signature. "I was almost expecting a fanfare of trumpers, he was so proud of it," says Mashberg. Waving towards six or seven similar tubular containers packed in a large, dark canvas bag at the bottom of the storage bin, the man said: "That's the rest of them." But he did not offer to show any more.

Mashberg was hustled out of the warehouse, pushed into a waiting taxi that had been hailed by his guide's companions, and warned not to hang around or try following them. "We're moving the stuff right now, so it won't be here if you come back," said his guide.

It was only the beginning of a bizarre story --- not so much a whodunnit as a where-arethey-now. "To tell the truth." says Mashberg, a 37-year-old

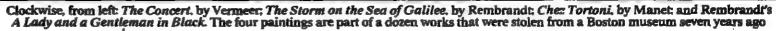
investigative journalist, "I felt a little silly being caught up in the middle of all this cloakand-dagger stuff." As the days unfolded, however, he realised he was a key player in a remarkable story of intrigue and double-dealing. In the early hours of March

8, 1990, two men dressed as policemen forced their way into Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. They tied up the guards at gunpoint and in minutes cut the priceless paintings from their frames. The works included: The Concert, one of some 40 known works by Vermeer; two Rembrandts - the Sea of Galilee and A Lady and Gentleman in Black; a Manet; five works by Degas; an oil on an oak panel by Govaert Flinck; and a Chinese bronze beaker from 1200 BC.

The FBI launched a huge search, enlisting through Interpol the art-theft squads of police forces in Britain, several other European countries, and Japan. The Gardner Museum put up a \$5 million reward.

Investigators deduced that a five-man gang had staged the robbery - the two who went inside, and three outside. Over the years they established that two Mafia hold-up artists, who are now dead, were members of the gang. They have been named in American papers as Robert Donati, a well-known Boston Mob enforcer, and David Houghton, a member of a gang of New





1950s and 1960s, famous as a trusted "stand-up guy" who kept his mouth shut whenever he was questioned by the police, which was often.

Houghton, it is believed. was the original keeper of the stolen works of art. But the trail went cold with his death, apparently from natural

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Two years ago the US Justice Department announced an amnesty, saying that the statute of limitations on the theft had run out and that, therefore, the thieves themselves - if they were finding the paintings too hot to sell - could return them and claim the reward. No questions asked. But still there were no takers.

Until four months ago, that is, when Mashberg, hearing a whisper from one of his contacts, started digging around again. His inquiries led to William Youngworth, a Bos-ton antiques dealer and a longtime friend of a wellknown art thief. Myles Connor Jr.

Connor, 54, could not have been involved in the Gardner Museum theft, however. He was in fail at the time, in the seventh year of a ten-year sentence for drug trafficking. Sentencing Connor, the judge had told him: "You are an habitual criminal. Society doesn't like you, and in this court, I am society."

Connor is a master thief, specialising in art and antiques, says the FBI. His record includes a 1966 gun

> With a flourish he pointed at the artist's signature

battle with police in which an officer was critically wounded as they moved in on the stolen robbery. Connor was jailed for six years.
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Gardner theft is a deal that tors in 1975. In court accused of stealing Andrew Wyeth paintings from a Maine mansion, he pleaded guilty, but escaped a jail sentence by telling police where to find a \$5 million Rembrandt that had been stolen from the Boston Muse

um of Fine Art.
The FBI now believes that Connor organised the Rembrandt thêft to use as a bargaining chip to get out of jail. They also believe that he masterminded another theft when he laced a murder charge in 1985. A few months before the trial, the first page of the 350-year-old Royal Charter issued by King Charles I to Boston's colonial founders disappeared from the Massachusetts state

archives. Connor jumped bail while the jury was deliberating. He was found not guilty anyway. A week later police raided an

apartment belonging to one of his friends and found the missing charter among a pile of Connor's papers.

Youngworth as the go-between, he is trying the same ploy to get the last three years chooped off the sentence he is

side trusting the other, negoti-

ations have broken down.

Youngworth has told the FBI

As a sign of good faith. Youngworth returned a small wax seal that was missing from the Charles I charter when it was recovered. Police public messenretaliated by raiding ger to pressure the authorities into doing a deal. On the day charging him with possession of unlicensed guns and a small house visit was published. US amount of marijuana. He marshals escorted Connor in went into hiding in New York handcuffs from an Illinois jail with his lawyer, protesting he to Boston for the local FBI to question. He is still in custody Boston, but with neither

was being harassed for trying to do a public service. The FBI, who have spoken informally to Mashberg. believe Youngworth was his guide that night. Protected by

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the First Amendment, and Gardner paintings. He and acting on the advice of his Connor want the \$5 million newspaper's lawyer, Mashreward, and Connor wants to berg can give only an embarbe set free. That could be a big rassed "no comment" to that problem, because the judge who jailed him would have to agree ... and he obviously

Can Connor deliver? Or is it all an elaborate hoax? Mashberg believes that because of the way he arrived at Youngworth's door, the painting he saw is genuine. Why would they take such elaborate steps for a hoax?" he asks. "Even if a deal is done, no one's letting Connor out of jail until experts authenticate those paintings."

So. it seems, somewhere in a, 'a lock-up warehouse or a darky cellar in Boston today, the proceeds of the art theft of the century sit gathering dust. But perhaps not for long -Mashberg says he expects another exciting development

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Dorian Jabri talks for the first time about his private and political partnership with Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Interview by Mary Ann Sieghart

ext month, Dorian Jabri will go to his first party at Buckingham Palace, a rivate reception hosted by the ince of Wales. It will be a first for the Palace too, for Jabri has been invited not in his capacity as communications director of the Teacher Training Agency (TTA), but as the gay partner of Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Jabri sees it as a sign of the

growing maturity and tolerance of the country that the accession to the Cabinet of Britain's first openly gay MP has hardly been remarked upon. After Smith came out to standing ovation at a rally in Rugby in 1984 - "My name is Chris Smith, I'm the Labour MP for Islington South and I'm gay" - he remained the only self-confessed gay in the House for 13 years. Now he has been joined by three more: Ben Bradshaw, Stephen Twigg and Angela Eagle, all fellow Labour MPs.

Jabri, who clearly both admires and adores his parmer, says: "I am so proud of what Chris has done. He did something which was incredibly courageous in public life. That, I think, is the reason why he's been re-elected with increased majorities every time, because local people, whether they believe in lesbian and gay rights or not, respect

The two men met nearly ten years ago, when Jabri joined a delegation to lobby MPs about Clause 28, the measure that made it illegal for local authorities to promote homosexuality. Jabri asked Smith to speak at a conference; when he sent the MP the details, he included an invitation for a party he was giving: "He came along to the party and, you

know, there we are!" A matter of months later, they were living together, and soon afterwards they bought their own place in Islington. Now 34, Jabri feels the same year-old Smith as he would if. they were married. "We both think it's for ever. We are loyal in the fullest sense of the word to each other.

They celebrate their "anniversary" on December 19 each ear, and greatly value their ime together. "We ensure that we always, always holiday together this year in Umbria. previously in Tuscany]. Summer is important to us. Seeing our friends is important. So is our home life, and that has to be a priority — it's like an anchor to Chris." Because the Secretary of State does not get home until late in the evening, dinner tends to take place at about 11pm. "We both think that having dinner together is important. Either he or I will cook. It's a time to catch up on

Is he ambitious for Smith? "Hugely!" Is Smith ambitious for him? "Absolutely!" Jabri sees himself as Smith's informal special adviser on the arts. And, because of his PR experience, he "reviews" Smith's media interviews. "I can al-ways sit down with Chris and say 'You shouldn't have said

Jabri, who describes himself as Assyrian, was born in Iraq but spent much of his childhood in Beirut. When the civil war broke out, he came to Britain and was educated at

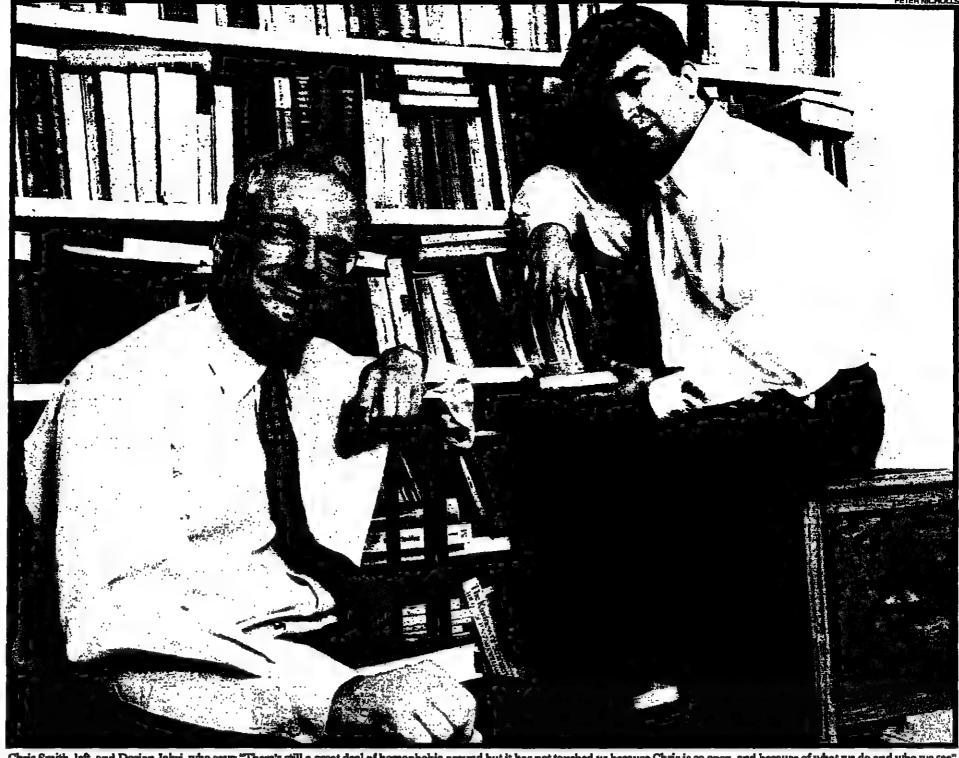
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City of London School, Queen Mary College, and the London School of Economics, Though his English is perfect, a part-Middle Eastern, part-American burr is still discernible. His parents, who have refugee status, live in Britain too. Jabri came out earlier than

Smith, at university. But he did not tell his parents until he was in his early twenties. "When my mother made a particularly homophobic comment about a friend of mine who she knew was gay and I just said 'Don't you realise?' " How did his parents react? "Not well." Have they come to terms with it? "It depends what you mean by 'come to they're thrilled, but I'm also their son."

This is clearly a source of some friction. Asked how they get on with each other's families, Jabri replies: "I get on extremely well with his family . . . " and then tails off. The silence tells its own story. But Smith's parents are "fantastic, incredibly welcoming. They are superb. They are enormously proud of him — and they're Liberal Democrats!"

The two men seem deeply in love. Jabri eulogises about



Chris Smith, left, and Dorian Jabri, who says: "There's still a great deal of homophobia around but it has not touched us because Chris is so open, and because of what we do and who we see

Smith's good qualities: "He's an incredibly nice man, kind and considerate. He really cares. There are very few people whom one would genuinely describe as nice. Plus he has a great sense of humour brillianti" This is a view shared by many of Smith's colleagues: one female minis-Cabinet member she would choose to go on holiday with.

normal a life as any ing children, they have an "incredibly demanding" Tibetan terrier. They go out a lot a deux - and in Smith's job, the invitations are as enticing as they are abundant. "It's important to Chris." explains Jabri, "just because he's gay, not to be thought of as single. Most people have

caught on to the fact that he has a partner, so the invitations are for 'Chris Smith and partner' or 'Chris Smith and Dorian Jabri'.

"Chris will run through the We have a joint diary

ball matches. couple. Though lack-

elected in itself, is important enough, and to be in the Cabinet is an enormous privilege. The hours that people

list of those things we've been asked to so to together and ask if I want to go to them or not impossible. We sit down, usually very late at night, and go through the two diaries." Joint fixtures are more likely to be opera and theatre than foot-Jabri claims to have suffered

very few embarrassments in his life as a gay political partner. There was one nasty moment outside a West End restaurant, when the two men were kissing goodbye, "as we do with our friends, whether they're male or female", to Sir Richard Attenborough and lan Holm. This incredibly drunk man getting into his amazingly vulgar red Rolls-Royce started shouting out a great deal of abuse. What does one do in those circumstances?" The doorman intervened, and the restaurantowner assured Smith and Jabri that their insulter would never get a table there again.

"One of the reasons I found it so shocking," remembers Jahri, "was because it was so unusual. Of course, there's a great deal of

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live a doormat existence or take control' homophobia around but it has

not touched us because Chris is so open, and because of what we do and who we see. it's fine. It's completely acceptable to be gay." Smith is, however, in the perfect job. If he were Defence Secretary. say, life might be trickier.

Indeed, compared with most political partners, Jabri is very lucky. Smith has a London constituency, which means that they see each other during the week. His job offers lots of interesting evening engagements to which Jabri can accompany him - if Smith were Social Security Secretary, and the best invitation were to open a benefit office in Wakefield, their time together would be rather less fun. And, because they have no children to worry about, the demanding hours of a Cabinet minister are not such an issue.

Anyway, Jabri himself works 12-hour days at the TTA. He is not inclined to join the ranks of complaining partners. "I think people make too much of it. To be an MP, to be South
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know that what your partners ep come with the territory."

He occasionally shares the pressure with friends such as Mo Mowlam's husband, Jon Norton, or Frank Dobson's wife, Janet. But, "while you

are doing will make a difference. After 18 years in Opposition they have to get it right. You recognise that."

And because he has his own career, he feels relatively balanced. "There are too many political partnerships where the focus is entirely on the

not do much. You can just give And anyway, Jabri is passionate about politics himself. your life to what your partner "If I weren't, it would be very is doing and lead a kind of difficult living with Chris." Is he Blairite? "We're all, of doormat existence or you can take control of your own life. course, new Labour." he says. Well, I'm not going to sit at home and do my watercolwith a mischievous laugh. So would he consider going into ours. There is genuine equality politics too? "Good God, not" in our relationship because i he exclaims. "One politician in don't think either of us would the family is quite enough."

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Philip Howard



■ God save us, enfants de la patrie, from the politically correct anthem

The best national anthems are chauvinist, xenophobic and bloodthirsty. Take them for all in all, you cannot give them high marks for poetry or ethics. So Yannick Noah, the sexy black French tennis star, ought to be on to a good thing with his sanitised rap words for the Marseillaise. And he is reported to be selling a lot of discs of his single: Oh Rêve, Oh Dream, Citoyens, Let us at last form a union, Vivons, Vivons, Get a Life, Get a Life, Liberté et Fraternité,

Noah's shift of message from arms to dreams is impeccably wet and supposedly in tune with youth. The original words of the Marseillaise, composed overnight as a marching song for the French armies, drip with gore and glory. "May the filthy blood of our enemies drench our fields." Entendezvous, dans les campagnes, Mugir ces farouches soldats seems too strong for The New Encyclopaedia Britannica, which mistranslates the lines as plonkingly as Molesworth, the curse of St Custard's: "Come together in the countryside! To lower these savage soldiers." Savage aliens cutting the throats of our sons are off message, out of touch and old Labour in this day 'n' age.

Noah's version is modern, caring. But it does not have a hope in hell of replacing the Marseillaise. Forget that tolerance and peace are not the French virtues that come first to mind. Remember The Toys of Peace, the story by "Saki". Progressive parents give their children pacifist toy role models from the caring professions. And the children mutilate them into models of war and glory. Blood and battles appeal to the basic instincts of children and national anthems at play.

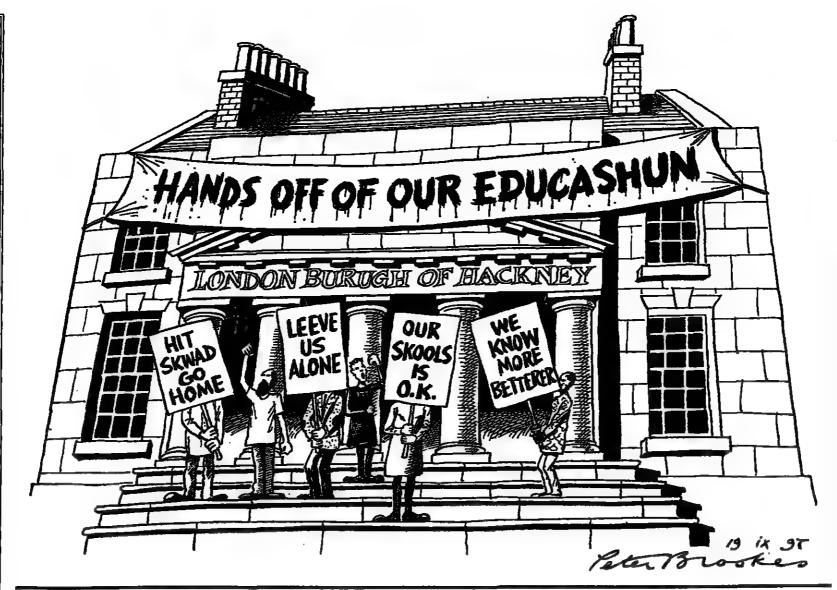
Pious national anthems are dire. Once it decided to drop God Save the Queen. Australia should have adopted Waltzing Matilda, which chants the chippy wistfulness and wit of the country, with a tune that we all know. Advance, Australia Fair is AWFUL, and deludes Australian children that "girt" is a usable grown-up word. O Canada! Our home and native land! wins minus marks for weedy sentiments and nuls points for its send-for-the sick-bag stalwart sons and gentle maidens. India has fine words by Tagore, but they are in Bengali and so inaccessible to most Indians.

The national anthems that bring tears to the eyes, even of aliens, express primitive and violent emotions. First equal come the Marseillaise and The Star-Spangled Banner. which commemorates an obscure engagement in a small war that solved nothing. The words are absurd melodrama.
"No refuge could save the hireling and slave! From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave." But let no wizz-kid advertising poet rewrite the words with clever soundbites about Great Societies or Contracts with America. The Internationale and Deutschanthems. The Devil does have some of the best tunes, and a fine national anthem does not necessarily signal that it praises a

country anybody would choose to live in.

And as for our own dear old God Save the Queen, it is not as dreary as it can sound. Its words go back to the Coverdale version of the Old Testament and Udall's play (c. 1540). Raiph Roister Doister, and its tune to Purcell and medieval galliards. Parry's setting of Blake's Jerusalem, the most popular wedding hymn of the summer, has more rousing music. It starts with four questions to which the answer is "no". I have heard a dotty theory that its "dark Satanic Mills" refer to Utilitarians James and John Stuart. The words of Rule Britannia are always sung wrong. The chorus is the only part that we all know. And when called upon, we make the confident but unauthorised statement that the old girl rules the waves, instead of singing the poet's stern advice or nowadays wistful command, "Britannia, rule the waves!"

But God Save the Queen, when performed to the proper tempi laid down by George V and formalised in an Army Order, can still make the hair bristle. The crowd at Wembley for England's match against Moldova sang it as a tribal warsong. Attempts to change its references to the knavish tricks of enemies to more compas-sion and caring must and will be resisted.



Heavenwards to hell

ever let your daughter marry a mountaineer. Serious climbers are seriously weird folk. They are also possessed of an almost unbelievable fortitude. Just how weird, and just how formidable, I have had the chance to discover, climbing this summer in Bolivia.

"We found this Basque," said Yossi to us. "He had been there about a year. The condors had left him in kit form." "Kit form?" I queried.

"Kit form. Just bones held together by Gortex. Nice outfit. We buried him there and I got a photo sent to the parents. Apparently they were quite touched.

Don't think me unfeeling."

Yossi Brain, despite the exotic name, comes originally from Walsall. With two

books to his name (Trekking In Bolivia: and Bolivia: a climbing guide, both published by The Mountaineers), he has settled in La Paz and guides and organises expeditions in the Andes. Breaking with Fleet Street tradition, I paid for mine myself, so I can be as rude about Yossi as I like, but the truth is that as a guide he is a total professional and we felt completely safe in his hands. As a human being, however, Yossi is . . . well, possessed, "There's about 30 more peaks over there to the south," he gestured. "I reckon I could knock most of them off in a year or so." We looked out over a frozen sea of rocks, needling some 20,000ft into the sky, and wondered why the knowledge that one had not climbed them could inspire anything other than a profound sense of relief. "Then there's the complete circuit of Illimani. I've got to put in some work on that. And of

course the eastern face." Pardon me, but why the eastern face? The eastern face looks positively homicidal. What was wrong with the western

face, the easiest way up? It was the easy way up Illimani that Yossi took my party and me. But he insisted first that we went on a preliminary trip to Condoriri, a few thousand feet lower, to learn the use of the ice axe, crampons and the climbing rope. Here we were caught in a blizzard, and I managed to fall down a crevasse, providing for the group a lively demonstration of why being roped together and carrying ice axes saves your life. Back at camp, Yossi pointed up at a peak, Cabeza del Condor, shaped rather like Nelson's Column. "There's a German up there, somewhere," he re-marked, idly. I knew him well enough

For the true mountaineer, fear is enjoyable. That is how I discovered, high in the Andes, that I wasn't one

by now to know he meant a dead

For the ascent of the great Illimani itself (about whose summit The Times Atlas is a little generous but which is. in fact, just under 21,500ft), we were now well trained and prepared. Climbing manuals have the cheek to describe this as "peu difficil", but be assured that above 20,000ft, climbing into bed, let alone up a peak in a gale, would be ruddy difficil. You can't breathe.

Ten thousand feet lower, in La Paz, we set out, breathing easily, in a Toyota Land Cruiser. Passing the suburbs I noticed a dog wearing a ribbon round its

neck. I mentioned this to our South American Indian driver, and unserve that it was the dog's birthday. Odd. Then we saw another dog with a ribbon then two more having birthdays. All the dogs

seemed to be decorated for our send-off. Why? I pressed my inquiry. It turned out that this was the Saint's Day of San Roque, "He cured leprosy and was a friend of wild dogs," said our driver. Should one seek an epitaph, one could do worse than "He cured leprosy and was a friend of wild dogs".

But I sought no epitaph - only the limited glory of conquering Illimani. We started by walking to our base camp, Puente Roto, at a little under 17,000ft. Here, spread out on a small, flat meadow beneath the snowline, we watched the sun plunge into an orange suncet as, a hundred miles around, the Bolivian high plain glowed and then darkened at our feet, and the lights of La Paz, the world's most impertinently situated capital, twinkled from the bottom of the canyon into which the city appears to have tumbled. "Tomorrow we climb up there to our high camp at Nido de Condor," said Yossi, including a great arm of rock and snow stretching down towards us. "It's called Chilean

"Ah, pioneered by Chileans" I said.

brightly.
"No, six fell off in 1989," he replied. Tomorrow we practise crampons and harness on the grass here, so that you

Nido de Condor was some 3.000ft up the ridge, a courtyard-sized snow ledge on the rock. Yossi produced the choco-late, of which he had a seemingly unending supply, the meal which he and his comrade, the ever-cheerful Archie. always managed to contrive, and we slept - as best you can when to turn over in your sleeping bag leaves you panting. I kept awaking, fighting a sort

tearing the hood from around my mouth and the tent-front, until the cold air, like a knife in the face, drove me back for cover.

After midnight Yossi and Archie conjured porridge and hot chocolate out of somewhere, though at that height water boils too cool to take the glue out of oats. I used a toothbrush to eat it with when I forgot my spoon. Said Yossi: "You can clean your teeth at the same time." It took an age to get the gear on. I resolved to stick to pursuits where the accoutre-

ments do not outweigh the human. And off we trudged. Who can describe the wretched satisfaction of an iron will. a slow plod and a grim resolve to think of nothing but the next fifty feet? You get a sort of rhythm: miserable, yet strangely comforting. You watch the rope in front of you, lest it slacken, and feel the rope behind, lest it grow taut, Somehow you look back down — a black vasmess at your heels, as though the world has fallen into a hole behind you. Somehow you look up. So many stars! The snow around you feels like a flying carpet in space, baseless, dropping away on all sides should you stumble. And so hard

to breathe. Very, very slowly, the sky began to tinge with light. Huge glaciers, ice and

psychopathic) sides.

were given socialism.

Sour note

dominated by dark oils of famous

battle scenes. The less militaristic

Straw will make his choice from

displays at the Koestler Founda-

tion, which encourages prisoners to explore their creative (ie, non-

SOME learn arithmetic and

the difference between right and wrong at school. Our Education

Secretary, David Blunkett, learnt

revolution. He tells The Times

Educational Supplement: "When

we had sausages four times in a week I led a delegation to the head and said that if the staff could eat

rump steak, then a diet of sau-

sages was unacceptable." In revenge for such major slights we

RUMBLINGS of religious dissent

rock walls, supernatural shapes and colours, loomed out of the dawn. And still each sickening climb, stumbling and ice-axing our way up each slope, seemed to yield to yet another beyond it.

The air had been utterly still. As we clawed out way up into the morning, we saw a distant slope — surely the last? and edged with sun. There we would reach the sunny side of the mountain. It became a sort of heaven we must eventually reach. All at once we did. Emerging, gasping at the top of the ridge, the sun hit our faces. That decorative plume of what had looked like frozen cloud curving from the ridge, was a 40mph wind rushing up from the eastern — Amazon — side of Illimani, whipping snow and ice particles with it. My goggles frosted up inside. When I laboured to take off a mitten to clear them, my fingers went dead. "Frostbite in January, amputate in June," said Yossi cheerfully, as he helped me back into cover. I turned to face the sun and its ice slipstream again. The light was a blinding yellow as the flying ice blasted and stung. The strangest combination of

To my friends and me, surviving the next half hour was the dominating ambition. But Yossi knew this climb backwards and had already moved on in his mind. He had a couple of volcanoes in Ecuador to knock off. There are 99 summits in the Andes higher than 6.000 metres. Perhaps we shall one day speak of "Yossis" as they speak of Munroes. "Shall we stroll on a bit, then? he asked us. As he had already started to stroll, and we were all tied to him by a rope, the question was rhetorical. Slaves being led in chains to the waiting galleon must have felt like

It was only another 800 yards along that ridge, but it felt like an eternity. The ridge narrowed. Falling away at our feet was Bolivia, Chile and the Pacific to our right. To our left, miles beneath, the stormelouds of the Amazon basin frothed and boiled in an extravagant show of agitated cumulus. We all but crawled the last hundred yards to the highest point on the ridge: a bathroomsized cockpit on the roof of South America, sheer drops on three sides.

"This is terrifying," moaned Louis.
"Shut up and enjoy the fear," said Yossi. I think that is what separates us. I think a true mountaineer just wants to do more and more difficult things, until

Blair is now the kingmaker

Crown and Church are leaning Left, says John Lloyd

ony Blair has been spending time dabbling in the mysteries of the State — Crown and Church. He had not meant to, but he feels he must. And in doing so, he shows us how frait and yet necessary these institutions are. Both the monarchy and the Church had gone over, in their different ways, to Labour. Both the Prince of Wales now, and Diana. Princess of Wales, in her life, found new Labour's posture of concern without socialism amenable to their own public discourse, and both drifted into Blair's orbit.

The Church is more obviously radical, The most active and public bishops turned to the Left and social policy has become increasingly pro-interventionist. as the Church's recent report, Unemployment and the Future of Work confirms. The Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, gave the mose. leftist of the major speeches at the TUG. last week; his clergy's experience is one of need and want, which their archbishop distilled into a rhetoric recalling the easy certainties of Tony Benn: "If we choose to run the economy so that it can create more jobs, we can do so."

The Crown and Church came over to Labour because the ground on which they stood — consensus, harmony, care for the underdog, charitable activity — was, or seemed to be, narrowed by a governing Right which emphasised the purity of market outcome. But they also have done so because they are in crisis ... they have lost the faith, and they

need to be saved. The Crown and the Church are deeply exhausted. The slicing away of the public dignity of both institutions has been both careless and relentless. But the media have been able to feed off the bodies of the two institutions only because they sense the death at their cores. That death is centuries old. Divine Right and the certainty that Christ revealed the truth of God were shaken out of the intelligentsia and much of the political class by the 18th or 19th centuries. Since then we have lived with the melancholy roar of faith's withdrawal, as both institutions make the kind of brilliant displays of form to disguise ebbing content which befit a nation whose literary patron saint is the

greatest creator of fantasies in the world. New Labour has inherited these twin institutions in decline and typically thinks it can Do Something About It. It had the crisis of the monarchy thrust upon it because of the death of Diana. Having made its usual dispassionate reading of the public mood - and being confirmed in its view that the monarchy is here to stay by the Left's fantasy that the response to Diana's death meant it was on the way out — its leader is using his authority with Prince Charles to bring forth a Modern Monarchy. Charles is presently Blair's creature; h<\. depends utterly on the Prime Minister to point him to a path at once demotic and dignified, caring but charismatic, warm but Windsor . . . and so on, through all the familiar new Labour antinomies.

t is likely he will succeed. Lacking a republican mood, and with the L support of the Government, the Palace should be amenable to being bumped into this millennial version of modernity - having modernised successfully enough to retain its existence, wealth and privileges for centuries. One of the two main absurdities in Earl Spencer's speech was that Diana did not , require a royal connection to attain her lustre in life (the other was that she inhabited a different moral universe from the tabloids); in fact, she acquired such lustre largely from the worldwide recognition of the British Royal Family.

This points up something which was not so evident before her death. The royals have at least partly made the transition to international super-celebrity status. Diana was their creation more than she was her own. In becoming contemporary superstars, the Windsors have secured a new place for themselves in the media galaxy - but it is one which requires careful media management with the attendant paraphernalia of focus groups, media consultants and rebuttal units. Even if the Prime Minister wanted to abolish them. he probably could not.

The Church is at once sadder and wiser. It has no great media lustre even in this country; but some of its priests and bishops are intellectually and morally impressive. It lacks faith, however - except on its evangelical wing. whose semi-fundamentalist enthusiasm cannot stand the test of reason. It has not been able to develop a working model of a faith in which rational people could. wholeheartedly believe.

Modernisation thus means shoring up. It means recognising that the Church's ritual is essential for State occasions and is often desired for the private last things. Having recognised that is essential. Blair has moved to try to make sure it is useful, that it does uncontroversial good works, takes part in his efforts to knit together communities and gives ethical support to the family. From having been the Tory party at prayer, it is being shaped as the Labour Party in the community.

There will be no republic, no disestablishment; this was true of new Labour before Diana's death and is even more true of it after. One can sense a rhetorical trope being readied: "The Crown and the Church have served Britain well in the past and can, too, in the future."

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New Labour will see to it that they do.

In tune: Henry and Lili

pervade the Elizabethan galleries of Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire. The pad's owner, Henry Dent Brocklehurst, 31, has alarmed his local vicar by suggest-ing that his forthcoming wedding service should have a Hawaiian the idea at all."



to be held in Sudeley's chapel next May. "I'd like to write something more warm and informal, more about love and less about obeying. But our vicar is being so funny about it - he doesn't seem keen on

Indeed he is not. "I couldn't possible do it, it would not be legal." rumbles the Rev Michael Page. They would have to formalise it in a register office."

Game show

CHARLES SPENCER, from the well of grief, stung the Royal Family. Now he has turned his sights on a different blood sport big-game hunting. He is to present

subject of blood sports.

The programme, Cruel to be Kind, has been entered in a television festival in Cannes, where it will be screened for the first time next week.

This is the first of a series the earl is to present on "world ethical issues". His debut, a half-hour exploration, will blast the ethics of game-hunting in South Africa, where he moved last year to escape the cheap prints.

Althorp, the family seat, is a renowned shooting estate, and with his experience as a presenter on American television he was considered the ideal candidate.

I am delighted for the earl, who has displayed such dignity in the face of his sister's death. despite facing the trauma of his wife Victoria filing for divorce in Cape Town last week.

Blood sports are a tricky issue for the Spencers. Although brought up in the accepting atmosphere of the aristocracy. Diana. Princess of Wales, developed ambivalent feeling towards hunting. Spencer's views are equally

principle, but understands that a lot of revenue is generated," says a colleague. The earl's solution? Shooting elephant and buffalo

• It was long into the night that Robin Cook sat at his desk in Carlton Gardens. The telephone rang from an outer office. Realising that his secretary had left, the Foreign Secretary answered. He was met by the unmis-



geoff Thompson. "There goes Wee Willie speaking his mind again"

takable tones of a Tory lady: "Is Douglas there?

Cult status

A POSTER advertising the new Oasis single. Stand by Me, has just gone on display. It features a photograph of a Moonie "wedding blessing" in Korea, at which

360,000 couples were married. The Moonies are threatening to sue, claiming breach of copyright. Meanwhile, associates of the Gallagher boys are speculating privately that the rock star brothers might be on the verge of con-verting. Born Roman Catholics (they are working-class Mancunians), they once suggested that they were "bigger than God". As one observer comments:

you can't get more controversial than joining the Moonies." ■ TWO decades after Sir Edward Heath was commissioned to write his autobiography, he has submit-

"They live for controversy, and

title? The Last Laugh. Surely not a reference to his outliving a certain baroness? Everybody out

THERE can be few hotels grand enough to satisfy the discerning tastes of your average union baron. Take John Edmonds, general

secretary of the GMB. During the TUC conference in Brighton last week he stomped out of the hotel after an altercation with the joint's receptioninst.

Problem. He, and other senior union bods, were due to stay there for the Labour conference. But in a fit of anger, Edmonds cancelled. And now they are homeless. "Every bedroom from Brighton to Hove is booked," says a mole. "It looks like they'll be shacking up in

B&Bs in Worthing." So who says

unions have been marginalised?

Howard's end

JACK STRAW, while clearly welcoming his predecessor's policies, is less sure about his taste in art. He is chucking out Michael Howard's gloomy paintings in favour of works by convicts.

"They don't exactly light up the room," says a Straw crony of Howard's collection, which is

theme. Inspiration for this comes from his talented young fiancée Lili Maltese, who hails from that enchanting outpost. "We are having a Hawaiian wedding party so it would be silly to have an English service." says Miss Maltese, who



DEATH IN CAIRO

The difficult journey to peace and tolerance in Egypt

Egyptians will have been as shocked and Islam, and when Islamist academics at Alangered as were Germans and other foreigners by yesterday's petrol bomb attack on a tourist bus parked outside the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities in the heart of Cairo. thing has done more to discredit Islamist extremism in Egypt than the campaign, begun in 1992 by the terrorist group al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, to bring down the Government by hitting the tourist industry. Thousands of Egyptians depend on tourism for a living, and public hostility has been a key weapon in the Government's struggle to stamp out armed militancy.

Yesterday's heavy toll of dead and injured should not obscure the extent of its success. Tourism has largely recovered since 1994 because, although the violent incidents against foreigners that have killed 35 and injured around 80 since 1992 continue, such attacks are now rare enough to make Egypt safer holiday destination than parts of the United States. This attack does not fit with the Government's recent claims to have beaten back terrorist activity to a few provincial pockets of southern Egypt. But it is probably true that, after a five-year campaign in which more than a thousand Egyptians - mainly police, officials, Coptic Christians and liberal intellectuals - have been murdered, the overall threat from Islamist fanatics has been sharply reduced.

The Government's ruthless defence of the security of the State is justified by the tactics employed against it; but so broad has been its assault on Islamist opposition that the gyptian Organisation of Human Rights buts the number held under emergency laws that permit lengthy detention without trial at 17,000. Caught in the net along with terrorists are non-violent advocates of an Islamist theocracy and too many of those whose lawful expressions of political opposition should find outlets in a confident society.

Some international criticism of Egypt's record has been facile. When Islamist litigants use the courts to hound such distinguished Muslim scholars as Dr Nasr Abu Zaid for their tolerant interpretation of

Azhar, the leading Islamic university, have issued fatwas against "blasphemous" writers, the concept of "non-violent" is itself qualified. In a radicalised environment, it is not easy to find ways for political opposition and for free speech to function effectively without these avenues being abused for antidemocratic ends. President Mubarak, who has himself narrowly escaped assassination, has solid reasons for caution.

But if the Government is correct that Islamist extremism now exercises less fascination than it did for Egypt's generally tolerant people, then this is the time to relax unreasonable constraints on political and press activity. Market reforms have released the economy from the doldrums and growth of more than 5 per cent a year is expanding job opportunities and hope. Rising, though still uneven, prosperity has been matched by an astute and overdue doubling of spending on social services. But political aspirations tend to rise with prosperity, and that challenge too requires a response.

Blatant government manipulation of elections is counter-productive. It engenders cynicism about the political process, demonstrated in the disturbingly low turnout in local elections earlier this year. So is the use of press restrictions to suppress investigations of official corruption. Police and military operations may be the first line of defence against Islamist extremists but openness to political change and debate is the equally important second line.

Egyptian secularism has to find space for the undoubtedly more devoutly Muslim society that Egypt has become; and the Mubarak regime, many of whose most powerful figures have been in power for more than two decades, has to make room for a new political generation. Economically, Egypt is modernising rapidly, but it is politically stagnant. Broader trust in the political leadership is needed to consolidate a victory that must still be judged provisional. Immobilism at the top is not healthy. In still waters, Egyptians well know, mosquitos breed.

BEYOND SHAME

Solid ways to help those cheated by the pensions industry

The indefatigable Helen Liddell, Economic pensionholders. Some will be happy to Secretary to the Treasury, was out "naming" accept the guarantee in lieu of compensation and shaming" again yesterday, putting pres sure on pensions companies to compensate customers to whom they had mis-sold personal pensions. Unfortunately the scolding seems to have had remarkably little effect. The worst of the companies are still behaving like recalcitrant children who pred deafness at the sound of a parental admonition.

Yet it is in the interests both of the pensions companies and of the Government that this mis-selling be rectified as quickly and efficiently as possible. The companies are likely to win substantial business from Labour's reform of the welfare state: as stakeholder pensions, insurance for longterm care, and insurance against illness become matters for the private sector rather than the State, the pickings will be rich. But only those companies that have proved their probity will be sanctioned by the State and trusted by the public.

The pensions providers claim that their dilatoriness is not deliberate: they have found it hard to obtain enough details from their customers' former occupational schemes to calculate whether or not the personal pensions sold were bad value. Thinking laterally, a small group of companies led by Legal & General has taken a different approach: offering customers a guarantee, underwritten by a legal indemnity, that if their personal pensions on retirement are worth less than they would have been in the occupational scheme, they

will be paid the difference. This is a far more sensible approach. As long as the guarantees are legally backed. they offer peace of mind to worried

d to rely upo the guarantee as an interim measure until their individual cases are settled.

Mrs Liddell should encourage these guarantees as an industry-wide standard. She should also turn her mind to longerterm reform of the selling of financial products. It seems extraordinary that salesmen are still allowed to work on commission in this arcane and complex field. Their incentive is to sell as many products as possible: customers are rarely in a position to challenge their advice. Even now, companies such as the Prudential advertise for salesmen claiming that, on earnings, "the sky's the limit". This is only likely to be true if some people are sold products they do not need or cannot afford.

This is not a business in which "caveat emptor" applies. As in medicine, customers are totally reliant on the advice that they receive from an expert. They need to be able to trust that expert, to be confident that the advice is in their interests alone. Even independent financial advisers cannot be relied upon to give the best guidance: they too earn commission from any sales they make, and will always be tempted to recommend the product that pays them the most.

If the public is to learn to trust this sector again, there is only one solution. Salesmen who work for companies should be paid salaries, not commission. Independent advisers should charge fees for consultation, as accountants do, but receive no reward from the products they recommend. Otherwise, the Government's welfare reforms will be in danger of being undermined by the reputation of its new providers.

I SPY WHAT I EAT

Revealed: the link between espionage and Escoffier

The best recipes, like the best intelligence, ere closely guarded secrets. A sous-chef at a Schionable brasserie in St Germain des Pres would be as horrified as the most discreet MI6 controller to be asked to identify his sauces.

And when the bubbly niece of a grand society hostess is cajoled by a jealous rival to part with the secret ingredients of that legendary soufflé, the political bombshell is as devastating as the discovery of a double agent at the very heart of Whitehall. No wonder, therefore, that spies and cooks have so much in common. No wonder that the culinary arts are merely a more decorative and visible manifestation of the black arts of

Harry Palmer, the determinedly mun-ane Cockney who brought espionage out of the cold in the 1960s, was always cooking. His speciality was scrambled eggs - a reflection, perhaps, of the obsession at the "office" for scrambling everything (though poaching secrets was also part of the spy's

George Smiley also enjoyed a good meal, though since his days in Germany he had little time to cook for himself, culinary pleastire was limited to what was on offer at his We was illuled in Wilat was a miss of the Nineties seem to spend as much time in the kitchen as in the satellite imaging lab.

How satisfying, therefore, to find real spies copying - as is their wont - their celluloid portrayals. The CIA, as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations, has just published a cookbook, with recipes and comments by a few former agents and spouses. including Barbara Bush - said to make a terrific apple pie - and Julia Child, once a file clerk for the Office of Strategic Studies who found the transition from fingering secrets to fingering pastry all too easy. The "Company" apparently encouraged an interest in cuisine. It relieved stress, satisfied the professional need to roast, baste and grill and gave spies a safe topic of conversation when every other subject was taboo. Even the weather can lead to dangerous discussion of cold fronts, satellites and computer forecasts.

Marckus Wolf, the East German spy chief, was also a dab hand in the kitchen. though his book, Secrets of Russian Cuisine, does seem a rather uncomradely spilling of the Kremlin's beans. He probably recruited as many cooks to be spies as vice-versa. CIA agents must spend years of their lives in restaurants: let us hope their recipes are not ac bland as their table talk

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Setting priorities on road safety

From Sir Norman Fowler, MP for Sutton Coldfield (Conservative)

Sir, I welcome the Government's statement that it intends to make action against speeding a priority in road safety policy (report, September 16). I doubt, however, if advertising alone will substantially reduce the toll of deaths and serious injuries caused by speeding.

The most urgent need is to ensure that speed limits are enforced. As everyone knows, limits are currently widely ignored. The action that would have most immediate effect would be to extend the use of speed cameras throughout Britain.

In 1992 a very successful demon-stration project in West London showed that as a result of the use of carneras fatal accidents were reduced by 70 per cent and serious accidents were reduced by 28 per cent.

A report published by the Police Research Group in 1996 compared the costs of installing and operating speed cameras with the reduction in accident costs and income from fines. The result was that speed cameras gen-erated a return of five times the cost of the investment after one year - and more than 25 times the amount after five years.

In the light of this evidence I would urge the Government to take immediate action to extend speed cameras.

Yours faithfully, NORMAN FOWLER (Chief Opposition Spokesman for Environment, Transport and the Regions), House of Commons. September 17.

From Mr Geoffrey Bloom, J.P.

Sir. I was startled by your report today that the Government wants major police resources and manpower diverted to catching motorists travelling at as little as 35mph in a 30mph area.

Of course every life lost in a road accident is a tragedy, but the proposal contrasts markedly with your report in the same issue that the death toll from infection in hospitals "is responsible for at least 5,000 deaths a year". Moreover, hospital deaths appear to be on a rising trend, while road fatalities have been falling for many years.

The proposed diversion of police effort into stopping speeding offences also seems inappropriate when one reads, also in the same issue, of Scotland Yard's report on the gross ineffectiveness of its own detectives, deeming them likely to be "lacking in knowledge and investigative skills".

Both as a consumer of police services and as a magistrate, it seems to me that the case for an expensive campaign against speeding motorists has not been made out. Certainly, we must all drive at a safe and appropriate speed: but instead of stigmatising normally law-abiding people for what is often a minor transgression, I would suggest that the police and the Government might better concentrate their resources respectively on combating serious crime and eradicating hospital infections.

Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY BLOOM. 5 Maytrees, Loom Lane. Radlett, Hertfordshire. September 16.

From the Director of the Pedestrians Association

Sir. You quite rightly gave front-page coverage to the Home Secretary's announcement that cracking down on speeding will be made a new police priority from November. Such a shift in policing priorities is no less welcome for being long overdue.

It has been estimated that road deaths cost the economy over £3 billion a year. Add to this the distress caused to those bereaved and the additional costs of road crashes and you have a huge social and economic problem still inadequately addressed But deaths and injuries on the road

are only the most stark result of speeding traffic. Excessive traffic speeds blight residential areas, prevent children walking to school, deter adults from walking and cycling and detract generally from the quality of life.

The police have a central role in enforcing speed limits and other aspects of road traffic law. With their assistance, and the widespread use of speed cameras (financed by charges levied on convicted drivers), speeding should in due course come to be seen as the inherently anti-social activity that it is.

Yours faithfully. BEN PLOWDEN. Director. The Pedestrians Association, 126 Aldersgate Street, ECl. September 16.

From Mr David Willett

Sir. I applaud the Government's initiative on speeding drivers. However, I have never, in 28 years of driving, understood why "reminder" signs are so few and far between in 30mph zones, when in 40 and 50mph zones, or even in derestricted areas, they are usually thick on the ground.

This to me makes no sense. It is in 30mph zones, which are usually the most critical and distracting areas in which to drive, that we all need reminding.

Yours sincerely. DAVID WILLETT. Ewdness Farmhouse, Bridgnorth, Shropshire. david willett@htinternet.com

Sensations of unease, admiration and doubt at the RA

From Mr Michael A. C. Buckley

Sir. Sensation. What an apt title for the exhibition at the Royal Academy (report, leading article and letters,

otember ISI. Whilst I certainly did not like all the pieces on show, this body of work is filled with energy, vitality, irreverence and challenging and different ideas. Although many pieces deal with death in one form or another, the overriding impression is of a huge celebration of life. I expected to dislike the painting of Myra Hindley but found it extra-

ordinary and appropriately arresting. Charles Saatchi has put together a collection which should interest anyone who is curious and inquisitive. Being offended is sometimes an improvement on being complacent or dismissive.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL BUCKLEY, 9 West Halkin Street, SWI. Sentember 18

From the Right Reverend Lord Habgood

Sir, "There is no such thing as real art that is immoral," so the Royal Academy informed us in yesterday's Times. I suppose it all depends on what is meant by "real". But members of that Academy might usefully have another look at The Picture of Dorian Gray, in which as unlikely a character as Oscar Wilde set out to show that aestheticism without morality can be

Do we really have to go back and learn that lesson all over again?

Yours faithfully, JOHN HABGOOD. 18 The Mount, Malton, North Yorkshire. From Mr Peter Coker, RA

Sir, May I, in the fewest lines possible, state in your letters column that I in no way wish my name to be associated with the recent decisions made at the Royal Academy. The Academy has disgraced itself on both artistic

and moral grounds. It may (in the person of Norman Rosenthal, its Exhibitions Secretary) claim that "real art" is never "immoral" but it seems to have lost any convictions it had about what constitutes real art and thus what determines the moral responsibility of an

PETER COKER, The Red House, New Road Mistley, Manningtree, Essex. September 17,

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir, Mr Alan Brison (letter, September 18), by isolating certain aspects of the Blinding of Samson, seems to be sug-gesting that there is little or no difference in Rembrandt's form of earthy realism and that to be experienced in the exhibition currently showing at the Royal Academy.

The inalienable right of an artist, in any genre, to extend the boundaries of his/her medium and expression must be defended. As a result much that gets as far as public exhibition will prove to be thin, tasteless to some, and lacking in significant content.

That is the price that art, occasionally, has to pay for its freedom. The desire to shock, and merely to be different for the sake of it, does not by itself, in my opinion, constitute a work of lasting importance.

Many serious artists and art historians, I believe, would strongly disagree

with Mr Brison's analogy. Are we incapable, any more, of making the important distinction between what lies at the transitory, "car boot sale" extreme of art - attractive rhough it might be to some - and that which endures for reasons and qualities be-

yond the spurious and meretricious? Let some continue to believe that the Emperor is wearing new clothes. But I'm not convinced.

JOHN PITTUCK, Hillside Cottage, 62 Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

From Mr R. Hawdon

September 18.

Sir. Thank you Simon Jenkins (article, September 13) for debunking the nonsense of modern sensationalist "art". The reply to supporters of such banal rubbish is that almost any great artist of the past could have conceived almost any of the pieces today trumped up as art within ten minutes. Scarcely any of today's artists could have achieved any of their creations in a hundred years.

R. HAWDON, Ashlands, Belmont Road, Bath. September 13.

From Mrs H. M. Glew

Sir, The Royal Academy of Arts says that "There is no such thing as real art that is immoral, thus proving what the rest of us have always known; if it is immoral it is not art.

Yours faithfully HELEN GLEW. 43 Hopkins Close. Bournemouth, Dorset. September 17.

Aerospace industry funding appeal

From the Director General of . The Society of British Aerospace

Companies Ltd Sir, "Only those companies and countries that have high levels of investment in skills and technologies ... will succeed," Margaret Beckett, the Cabinet Minister responsible for science, told members of the British Association (report, September 9). She

is perfectly correct. The UK aerospace industry has tion to the country's balance of payments -- averaging £2 billion a year over the last decade, rising to £2.9 bil-lion in 1996 — and 14 per cent of its workforce is employed full-time on research and development activities. Yet in 1995, while £660 million was invested by the private sector on aerospace research and experimental development, the Government contributed only £220 million, some 25 per cent of

the total spend. For UK companies to remain competitive and continue to be successful in the global aerospace market, a review of the Government's financial input is urgently needed. By contrast, the US industry, which dominates the global aerospace market, receives 62 per cent of its research and development funding from federal Govern-

The aerospace industry has devised a national strategy for growth called "Foresight Action", aimed at increasing competitiveness and developing innovative products, capabilities and processes which can be demonstrated to prospective customers as proven. saleable products.

If aerospace is to flourish as a national asset and continue to be a major contributor to the economy, this proamme has to be a partnership between industry and Government.

We are currently pressing for a reallocation of public funds in favour of research and technology demonstration. We have made it clear that the industry will find its share of the cost; but without a fuller contribution from Government the Foresight Action strategy will fall to make a significant difference to the UK's aerospace performance.

Yours faithfully, DAVID MARSHALL, Director General, The Society of British Aerospace Companies Ltd. Duxbury House. 60 Petty France, Victoria, SWI. September 11.

Jobs count From the Minister for Employment

Sir, Your City Commentary today ("Changing rules for measuring jobs") is quite wrong to allege that "Labour ministers seem to be losing their enthusiasm for ditching the current measuring system".

My statement yesterday in fact stressed that "We must not forget that there are other people without work who do not appear in the claimant count" and pointed to the report we have asked for from the Office of National Statistics.

Public confidence in the credibility of unemployment statistics can only be established by this review at arm's length from Government; not by replacing one form of political manipulation by another.

Yours sincerely. ANDREW SMITH, Department for Education and Employment, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street. Westminster, SWI. September 18.

Tills apart

From Mr Colin Croskin Sir, It is somewhat pedantic of Profes-

sor Maxwell Gaskin to say in his letter (September 11) that I was "wrong" in stating that Scottish banks issue banknotes with the permission of the Bank of England (letter, September 2). Every banknote issued by Scottish

and Northern Irish banks has to be backed pound for pound by Bank of England notes, special £1 million notes being used for this purpose. So these banks are hardly free agents.

COLIN CROSKIN, 4 Highfield Cottages. Ingleton, North Yorkshire. ccroskin@compuservc.com September 12.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

Brass, but not bold

From Mr P. J. Livesey

Sir, I see that a disconsolate Lord Montagu has been forced to retire his Vauxhall Prince Henry from the Peking-Paris Challenge owing to a comparatively minor mechnical failure (Car 97, September 13).

Come, you intrepid gentlemen, this is no way to respond to adversity! In 1907. Prince Borghese and his fellow contestants faced incomparably greater trials and overcame them. You have the benefit of 90 additional years of engineering expertise, back-up vehicles and equipment, your route fully planned, plus any amount of

I suggest you take the car off the trailer, get yourselves down to the nearest machine shop and call in those expert workers in brass so common in China.

I am, Sir. with dirt under my fingernails.
P. J. LIVESEY. White Cottage, Frieth, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire. September 16.

In faith we trust

From Mr Alan Challoner

Sir, In his letter of September 16. Mr Barry Holroyd writes that "when people stop believing in God ... they then start believing in anything", and goes on to ridicule some of the belief objects that have turned up in a university survey - the impression being given that a belief in God is the only avenue for personal and spiritual survival.

This is of course not true. Many people have eschewed religion (as a prop) and have come to believe in

Such people have developed a faith in their own abilities to examine the world in which we live and, having done so, have realised that it is better to stand on their own two feet than it is to wait for miracles.

Yours faithfully. ALAN CHALLONER. 13 The Village, Bodelwyddan, Denbighshire. September 17.

'Sneak's hotline'

From Mr William J. Woodward

Sir, Ofsted's inspectors having failed to identify sufficient failing teachers. you report ("Parents are given a sneak's hotline", September 11) that parents are now to be encouraged to telephone details of teachers' and schools' failings directly to the Department for Education and Employment. bypassing the local education authori-

Is it not time for teachers to start campaigning for the establishment of "Ofstop" (The Office for Standards of Parenting), so that they can report violent, disruptive and unreceptive pupils directly to this body, bypassing LEA educational psychologists and the social services?

W. J. WOODWARD. Kaadan. High Easter Road, Leaden Roding, Dunmow, Essex. bill_woodward@classic.msn.com

From Mr Howard Hayter

Sir, This hotline is surely another indication of the Government introducing a "sneaky" society. We already have a hotline to the DSS for report-

ing illegal claimants. I was always taught not to tell tales at school, and that we must not allow this country to emulate the activities of certain dictatorships where the only way of maintaining disciplines was to report on one's neighbours

Do we really need this? It is certainly a dangerous development, and not

HOWARD HAYTER. Alcheydown Farm, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon. September 12

Sir, Will the Government also set up a

hotline so that parents can report on good teaching practice? Yours faithfully, LOUISE BURKE, 10 Grosmont Drive, Swindon, Wiltshire,

From Mrs Louise Burke

Yours sincerely

PM's salary

September 11.

From Mrs S. Jackson

Sir, Tony Blair may be able to afford to forgo a pay increase when his income is supplemented by the high earnings of a QC (report, September 17). But is it fair of him to expect others to take his lead when they may not be as fortunate?

Yours faithfully, SERENA JACKSON, 7 Hill View Cottages, Churchill, Oxfordshire. September 17.

The Booker booked

From Mr John O'Byrne

Sir. Now that the season of "Booker" is upon us (report, September 16) how about some enterprising first-time novelist attempting a grand theme on the prize itself?

The ingredients could include obsession, thwarted ambition, rejection, loss, disillusionment, and some damn close-run things. But what should be

Yours literarily, JOHN O'BYRNE, 2 Mount Argus Court:) Harold's Cross, Dublin. September 16.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 18: The Princess Royal this morning attended the British Equine Veterinary Association's Annual International Scientific Congress at the Harrogate Conference Centre, Harrogate, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of North York-shire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Butler Trust, this afternoon visited Her Majesty's Prison Askham Grange, Askham Richard, York. KENSINGTON PALACE September 18: The Duke of Gloucester, President NABC — Clubs for Young People, today visited clubs in Surrey and was received on arrival by Her Maj-esty's Lord-Lieutenant (Sir Richard Thornton).

ard Thornton).

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception and Dinner at Guildhall, London, ECI, to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Seature of Architecture. the Society of Archivists. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE September 18: The Duke of Kent Patron, the South Bank Founda tion, this evening attended a Reception at the Purcell Room, Royal Festival Hall, London SEI,

Today's royal

engagements The Duke of York will attend the Maharaja Duleep Singh Cen-tenary Trust dinner at Wentworth Golf Club, Surrey, at 7.30. The Princess Royal will visit

Harewood House to see an exhibition marking the centenary of the birth of Princess Mary, The Princess Royal, at Moor House, Harewood Estate, Harewood, Leeds, at 9.30; and will visit Timeform House, Halifax, in its 50th anniversary year, at

The Duke of Kent will attend a concert by the Prussia Cove Group, Prussia Cove, Penzance, Cornwall, at 7.30.

Dinner

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Toknoon Ille The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies and the City Marshal, attended a ladies dinner of the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders held last night at Goldsmiths Hall, Mr Richard Vanderpump, Master, presided. The Lord Mayor, Sir Barry Sheen and Mr Simon Orlik, Senior Warden, also

Among others present were: The Prime Warden of the Gold-smiths' Company, the Master of the smins Company, the Master of the Barbers' Company, the Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol, the Master Curter in Hallamshire, the Headmaster of Sevenoaks School, the Commanding Officer of the London Resiment, the Officer of the London Regiment, the Chief Executive of the Imperial

Tobacco Group and the Chief Exec-

utive of Rothmans International and

University

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To Governing Body Fellowships William Beinart, Rhodes Professor Amanda Kaye, Bursar

Leslie Michael Bethell, Director of the Centre for Brazilian Studies To British Academy Postdoctoral Paul Chaisty

To Emeritus Fellowship Professor Terence Osborn Ranger To Visiting Fellowships, 1997-98

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ian Visiting Fellow (TT) Erling Cronquist, European Investment Bank Visiting Fellow Dr Ami Elad-Bouskila, Israeli Junior Visiting Fellow Dr Stephen Headley, Deakin Visit-

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Professor Farhad Kazemi, Iranian Visiting Fellow (MT) Professor Dr Friedrich Lenger, Stifterverband Visiting Fellow Professor Jesus Mora Contreras, Andres Bello Visiting Fellow

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Dr Phylis Starkey, MP, Visiting Parliamentary Fellow Richard Thorpe, Alistair Home Visiting Fellow Dr Muhammad Waseem, Oald-i-

Birthdays today

Miss Kate Adie, broadcaster, 52: Penelope Mortimer, writer, 79; Mr Sir Timothy Colman, KG, Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, 68; Mr Ray Cooper, percussionist and composer, 55: Captain R.C. Cunningnam-Jardine, Lord-Lieutenant of Dumíries and Galloway, 66; Mr Justin Dukes, founding managing-director, Channel 4 Television, 56: Mr Michael Elphick, actor, 51; Captain Jim Fox, pentathlete, 56: Archbishop of Sydney and Primate director, Manchester City Art Galleries, 46; Mr Jeremy Irons, actor, 49: Sir Robert McCrindle, former MP. 68: Mr I.D. McGowan, librarian, National Library of Scotland, 52; the Very Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey, 83; the Countess of Mar. 57: Mr Charles Martin. Headmaster, Bristol Grammar School, 58; Mr Austin Mitchell, MP and broadcaster, 63: Mrs

Peter Murray, broadcaster, 69; Mr Derek Nimmo, actor, 65: Dr H.J. Plenderleith, FBA, antiquarian. 99; Professor Ferry Porsche, car

designer, 88. Miss Zandra Rhodes, fashion designer, 57; Dr Slr Brian Richards, biotechnologist. 65; Dr George Barclay Richardson, former warden, Keble College, Oxford, 73; the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, 68: Professor Sir Geoffrey Slaney, surgeon, 75; Mrs Carolyn Steen, chairman, court of governors, Thomas Corum Foundation for Children, 57; Twiggy, former model and actress, 48; Professor CJ. White, FBA, director, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, 67; Sir Leonard Williams, former director-general for energy. Commission of the European Commucomposer, 71.

School news

ter Cathedrai Choir

School Choristers leave today for Germany where the Westn Cathedral choir will give concerts at St Georgkirche and Unser Lieben Frauen Kirche in Bremen. On Monday, October 13, the choir sings a Joint Evensong with the Westminster Abbey Choir at Westminster Abbey. The following have joined the school this term as Probationer Choristers: Benedict Probability Choristers Benedic Curren, St John's College, Cardiff; Richard Jones, St John's RC School, Bath; Edward McClaran, St Gregory's RC School, Cheltenham; Alexander Kennedy, St Mary's RC School, London SW4; Edward Grocott, St George's RC School, Upminster; and Peter Wimblett, St James' RC School, Twickenham. The Headmaster (Tel: 0171-798 9081) would be delighted to hear from parents of Roman Catholic boys who would like to know more about choristerships at Westminster Cathodral.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Sanderson, Bishop of Lincoln 1660-63, Shef-field, 1587; Henry Brougham, Baron Brougham and Vaux, Lord Chancellor 1830-34, Edinburgh, 1778; Hartley Coleridge, writer, Kingsdown, Bristol, 1796; Lajos Kossuth, Hungarian patriot, Zempin, 1802; William Dyce, painter, Aberdeen, 1806; George Cadbury, Quaker, social reformer and chocolate manufacturer, and chocolate manufacturer, Birmingham, 1839; William Lever, 1st Viscount Leverhulme, spap nanufacturer and philanthropis Bolton, 1851; Arthur Rackham, illustrator, London, 1867;

Giuseppe Sargat, President of Italy 1964-71, Turin, 1898. DEATHS: Lazare Hoche, general, Wetzlar, Germany, 1797; Meyer Arnschel Rothschild, founder of the banking house, Frankfurt am Main, 1812; James Garfield, 20th his wounds after being shot on July 2, Elberon, New Jersey, 1881; Masaoka Shiki, poet, Tokyo, 1902; Thomas Barnardo, founder of the homes bearing his name, Sur-biton, Surrey, 1905; Miles (Stella Maria Sarah) Franklin, Australian

novelist, 1954; Sir David Low, cartoonist, London, 1963. American inventor Melville Bissell patented the carpet sweeper, 1876. The world's first beauty contest was held in Belgium and won by 18-year-old Bertha Soucaret from Guadeloupe, 1888.

William Joyce, known as Lord Haw-Haw, was sentenced to hang for treason, 1945. Juan Peron, President of Argentina since 1946, resigned and went into exile, 1955.

Elections

Central Council of Magistrates Courts Committees for England and Wales At the Annual General Meeting

held in Loudon on September 16. 1997, the following were elected: Chairman Mrs Maureer Cowan, JP, BSc (Newcastle upon Tyne); Deputy Chairman - Mr David Wilkinson, JP, LLB, FCA Manchester); Honorary Treasures - Mr David Jarvis, JP, DMS (Outer London -- Redbridge).

Reception **Board of Deputies of British**

Mr Ma Zhengang, Ambassador of China, was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Board of Deputies of British Jews last night at Commonwealth House. Mr Eric Moonman, vice-president of the board, and Sir Sigmund Sternberg were the speakers.



Museum, Leeds, yesterday to open Prisoners in the Tower: Treason, Torture and Execution - an exhibition of objects from the Tower which includes an executioner's axe and swords, thumbscrews, manacles and the block used at the execution of Lord Lovat in 1747. It opens to the public on Saturday

The Leverhulme Trust

Leverhulme Research Awards 1997

Fellowships
S. L. Adams, Senior Lecturer in
History, Strathclyde Univ, The de-cision to intervention: England and the Netherlands 1584-5
C Avery, Independent fine art consultant, The sculptor Soldani (1656-1740) and his English patrons
V M Bertram, Senior Lecturer in English Studies, Oxford Brookes Univ. Gendered poetics feminist analyses of UK poetry 1980-96
C L Brooks, Senior Lecturer in Victorian Studies, Univ of Exeter. The Albert Memorial: architecture, cultural contexts, conservation the Netherlands (584-5

tural contexts, conservation S F Burman, Senior Lecturer in American Studies, Univ of Sussex. America in the 90s; national Interest

and global responsibility

G E Butterworth, Professor of G E Butterworth, Professor of Psychology, Susses Univ, What is special about pointing in babies? K Chedgaoy, Lecturer Univ of Warwick, Women and wriding in early incident Wales E G Cowling, Senior Lecturer in History of Art, Univ of Edinburgh, Pleasers twice as content.

Picasso: style as content C T H Davies, Reader, Univ of Glasgow, New calculations in lattice quantum chromodynamics J H Davies, Reader Univ of Glasgow, Scattering in a two-dimensional elec-

I E A Dawson, John Laing Lecturer in the History and Theology of the Reformation, Univ of Edinburgh. The Fifth Earl of Argyli (c.1530-1573) M P Devereux, Professor of Economics and Finance, Keele Univ, Capital income tax competition: theory and G A Dover, Professor of Genetics.

Univ of Leicester, Genetic redun-dancy and biological novelties A W Evans. Professor of Environmental Economics, Univ of Reading, The economic analysis of land use

Univ of Nottingham, Landed genera-tions: Greek conceptual and practical landscapes T J Fulford, Reader in English Literature, Nottingham Trent Univ. Politics, gender and aesthetics in Romantic writing C A Gledhill, Principal Lecturer in Media and Cultural Studies, Staffordshire Univ. Reframing Brit-ish Cinema: the 1920s

A C Grayling, Lecturer in Philos-

ophy, Birkbeck College, London Univ, Modal concepts in descriptive and identifying thought C K Green, Professor in the History of Art. Courtauld Institute of Art. London Univ. Art in France 1900-45 KT Greene. Senior Lecturer, Depart-ment of Archaeology, Univ of Newcastle, Roman technology and

Newcistle, Roman technology and innovation in context D W Grifflin, Senior Lecturer, Psychology, School of Cognitive and Computing Sciences, Univ of Sussex, Researching and writing a book on the context of the contex dysdictian analysis

J M Harper. Professor of Music.
Unity of Wales. Bangor, English
organs, choral polyphony and liturgy

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B T Heaton, Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, Liverpool Univ, MNR studies of catalytic reactions and D J Howard, Reader in Architectural

DJ Howard, Reader in Architectural History and Fellow of St John's College, Univ of Cambridge, Venterend the East: architectural Influences R C M Janko, Professor of Greek, Univ College London, Literary theory from Plato to Longinus R M Kempson, Professor of Linguistics. School of Oriental and African Studies, London, Language as communication: a dynamic perspective J R King, Professor of Theoretical Mechanics. Univ of Northigham, Interface development in moving boundary problems

J D Klier, Professor of Modern Jewish History, Univ College London, The Jewish policies of the Russian Empire 1881-94

M J Loppert, Freelance music and opera critic, Life and works of Christoph Willibald Gluck G A Loud, Senior Lecturer, Leeds Univ. The age of Robert Guiscard J P Luft. Senior Lecturer in Persian Studies, Manchester Univ. State-building in Iran between 1921 and J S Macnicol, Reader in Social Policy.

Royal Holloway. Univ of London, Age discrimination: an historical and contemporary study L K Marcus, Lecturer in English and Humanities. Birkback College, London Univ. Gender, aesthetics and A D Mason, Lecturer in Philosophy.
Univ of Reading, Community, identity and belonging
Ann Moss, Professor of French, Univ

the Latin linguistic turn

N Nelson, Senior Lecturer, Goldsmiths College, Univ of London,
Women's and children's safety:
changing Gikuyu families

J A Peck, Reader in Geography, Univ
of Manchester, Translating workfare: new vocabularies of welfare
return

J P J Pottier, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology, School of Oriental and African Studies, Univ of London, Rwanda from within: identity construction and development A A Powell, Senior Lecturer in the History of South Asia, School of Oriental and African Studies, Univ of London, Scottish Evangelicalism and the roots of Indian religions K Prassides, Reader in Chemistry, Sussex Univ, New avenues in fullerene research: the heterofullerenes

C D Price, Professor of Mineral Physics, Univ College London and Birkbeck College, London Univ, A study of high-pressure/temperature J Radcliffe, Univ Lecturer, Queen Mary and Westfield College, London

Univ. Spatial deterministic epidernics D A Reynolds. Senior Lecturer in French, Univ of Bristol. Modern dance and the aesthetics of W F Ryan, Academic Librarian. Warburg Institute, History of Russian magic and divination

D Seed, Lecturer in English Department, Univ of Liverpool, US speculation feets of the Cold Mar.

lative fiction of the Cold War D M Smith, Professor of Geography. Queen Mary and Wertfield College. Univ of London, Moral thinking in human geography C J Thomas, Lecturer in Applied Social Science, Lancaster Univ. Life experiences of disabled women K Tribe, Reader in Economics Keele

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Anglia Polytechnic Univ. Reflecting writing and action research in social work and health care N Zahedieh. Lecturer, Univ of Edinburgh. Jamaica and the Atlantic

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.B. Ambery and Miss F.Z. Barber

and Miss F.Z. Barber
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of the late Mr Ronald Ambery and of Mrs Yvonne Ambery, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Dr C.E. Gibbon and Miss K.L. Hartley

The engagement is announced between Caspar, son of Mr William Monk Gibbon, of the Seychelles, and Mrs Sara McKearney, of Cambridge, and Katherine, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Hardey, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Mr D.B. Kiggell and Miss A.G. Walker

The engagement is announced between Ben, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Kiggell, of Ashampstead Common. Berkshire, and Alysia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Perth. Western Australia.

Mr R.S.E. Overson and Miss P.J. Webster The engagement is announced between Ranulf, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Stephen Overton, of Ambleside, Cumbria, and Philippa (Pip), daughter of Mr and Mrs David Webster, of Christ-

church, New Zealand. Mr R.P. Richmond-Watson and Miss E.R. O'Neill Flanagan The engagement is announced between Roddy, son of the late Peter Richmond-Watson and of Mrs Jean Richmond-Watson, of Showell Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon, and Rose, elder daughter of Oxon, and Rose, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Donal O'Neill

Flanagan, of the School House, Curraghmore, Co Waterford. Mr E.A. Smith and Dr J.E. Rogers
The engagement is announced between Edward Alexander.

younger son of Dr and Mrs Robert Smith, of St Ippolyts, Herdord-shire, and Jane Ellaline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Rogers, of Banstead, Surrey.

Mr S.B. Snook and Miss G.M.C. Reveli and wiss The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr Beverley Snook, OBE, and Mrs Pauline Snook, of Ickenham, Middlesex, and Georgia, youngest daughter of Mr Peter Revell, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, and Mrs Adrienne Powell, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

◆OBITIAS

Mr P.J. Vincent and Miss C.V. Gilmour The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Vincent, of Goulds and Mrs K.w. vincent, of Goulds Farm, Horsington, Somerset, and Corinna, eldest daughter of Mrs and Mrs John Gilmour, 1912 Balcormo Mains, Leven, Fife.

Marriages

Mr K.P.D. Brown and Miss S.J. Decent The marriage took place on August 8, 1997. at Langrry Manor, Bourne-mouth, of Kenneth Peter Dow Brown, son of the late Peter and Helen Brown, of Perth, to Sarah Jean Decent, elder daughter of Boundary Personnel Computer of Personnel Computer Ronald and Brenda Decent, now of

Ramsbottom, Lancashire.

Mr C.B. Ewart and Miss P.A. McConnel and Miss P.A. McCoaner
A service of blessing was held on
September 6. at St Peter's,
Plainford, following the marris
on September 5 of Mr Christophar Bruce Ewart, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Ewart, to Miss Polly Adriana McConnel, daughof Mr and Mrs Adrian ان McConnel.

A reception was held at the home of the bride. Dr D.C. Woolley

and Miss C.J. Bamber The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 13, at Tythrop Park, Kingsey, Buckinghamshire, of Dr Dean Charles Woolley, elder son of Mr Roy Woolley and the late Mrs Rita Austin, to Miss Caroline Jane Bamber, daughter of Dr David Bamber and Mrs Elisabeth

Latest wills

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, former Lord Chief Justice, of Puttenham, Surrey, left estate valued at E045,409.

The Earl of Listowel. Chairman of Committees, House of Lords 1965-76. Secretary of State for India and Burma, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs 1948-50, of London NW3, left estate valued at £3.991

Waiter Basil Scarlett Walker, chartered accountant, of Alton, Hampshire, left estate valued at £4,132,593 net.

Margaret Dobson, of Scar-borough, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £3,705,809 net. She left £50,000 to Filey Sea Cadeta Corps and to the RNL: and shares in her residuary estate to St Catherine's Hospice, Starborough, the Motor Neurone Disease Association, Save the Childran Fund. the NSFCC, Barnardos and the Calvert Trust, Cumbria.

Marjorie Kate Robinson, of North Ferriby, East Yorkshire, left estate Valued at £3,732,731 ne She left \$1,000 to The Hull Ladies Guild of the RNLI and £500 to All Saints Church, North Ferriby. Lily Chiefetz, of London No, left estate valued at FL002.079 net John Roger Fletcher, of Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £787,994 net.

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son, Dominic, a brother for

DEATHS ABRAHAM - Mary Louise, aged
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missed RIP.

ABSERBON - Desek William peacefully at home on 16th September, aged 72. Seleved husband of Dolly, dearly loved father of Gerald, Bevenley, Karl, Rex, Jame and Jillian, devoted quandfather of Soula, Flona, James, Tomend Alexander and proud great-grandfather of Shay, All welcome at a funeral service at 2.15 pm on Monday 22nd September at the Church of St Peter's, Alvescot, Oxfordshire, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only, Dometions, if desired, to Motor Neurone Disease Association (Research), PO Box 246, Northampton NNI 2PR. "Always in our hearty".

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CLARKE - Donothy Mary (née Sneyd-Lynnersley)
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COLDWELL - Mirlam Anne Thursby, in hospital oh September 12th 1997, of Nash, near Ludlow, Smopshire, Puneal Service at the Church of St Milburgh, Stoke St Milburgh, an Wednesday September 24th at 3 pm. Enquiries tel: (01743) 244646.

CORRET-SHILWARD
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Gill - On 16th September 1997 after a short illness bravely borne. Joan Gardiner, aged 86 of Duffield, only child of the late William and Sadie Osmaton, desmy loved wife of the late William Gill, such loved mother of Lesley and Andrew, grandmother of Joanna and Charles and great-ornedmother of

joanna and Charles and great-grandmother of Barnaby Searle. Funeral Friday 26th September, service 1 pm at St Alkanudds Church Duffield, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to G. Wathall & Son Ltd., 101-111 Macklin Street, Denby, DEI 11G. BRIFFITH - Ernest Arthu (Bob), peacefully on September 16th at the Royal Sussex County Respital. Husband of Gillian, father of Saven, Helena, Maggie, Enty and Valeria, sister of Jem. Very much loved. Pumenal on Tuneday 23rd September at ADLEY - Lower Elizabeth on September 16th peacefully at her bose in Service the lands of Service the Lindson and Lindson and devoted grandinother of Andrew, Denten, Alastett, Tom and Alles Especials to Humany Lindson and Alles and Alles Especials

MAINEWORTH - OF 1811 Spreads 1997 at Teneral Somerset. Ernest Hainsworth Mi (Crainfo) OBE, aged 80. Formerly Director Tea Research Institute of East Africa, late of Coury Rivel, Somerset. Funeral Monday 22sd September 12 noon at Taunton Crematerium. Family flowers only. Donations to Beitigh Heart Foundation via Gamédield & Son, sai: (01278) 732219.

HARRISON - Canon Peter on 17th September, formerly St Martins, Birmingham. St John's College, Durham. St James, West Durby. Beverley Minster. Enchanist Service Pocklington Pariah Chunch Wednesday 24th September at 12 noon. Enquiries to Frank Stephenson & Son, Beverley, Yorkshire.

HELIS - On 16th September, peacefully Arthur Henry Machanara Hillis C.M.G. much loved by Zently and triends. Funcial Service at 11.30am on Friday 19th September at The Temple Church Fundly Rowas only. Donations to E.N.J.S. Enquires to A. France & Son. Tel. (0171) 405-4901. GARRY - Antony peacefully after a short filmens, on 16th September 1997, aged 77. Funeral at Skipton Crematorium, R. Tocks, at 2.20 pm on Tuesday 23rd September. Flowers (no wreeths) to Eaton & Sons, Ashlands Road, Ilkiey.

16th September 1997 in Kyabram, Australia peacefully at home after a courageous fight against cancer. Dearly loved desper of East and Charles. Funeral in Kyabram on 20th September. Service of Thanksgiving at Eastboams Callege Chapal, Eastboams, E Sussen, 215 pas on Friday, 3rd October.

LEWIS - William Thomas, C.B.E., at Church Stretton, Shropshire, on Sunday September 14th at the age of 96. Will be missed by many friends. Survived by son Michael, four grandsons and five great-grandchildren. Ennaral at Shropshire hichies, four grandsess and five great-grandchildren. Funeral at Shrewsbury Creasturium at 10.40 am on Monday September 22nd. No flowers or donations. Friends walcome.

MACKENZIE - Stuart Errol, Group Captain RAF. Bertd., CRE, MA, peacefully whilst on holiday in the Algurve, on September 13th, aged 87. Very much loved hushmed, father and grandfather. Family funeral at St Mary's, Cadogun Street, Chelsea and North Sheen Cametery.

MARCONI - Paresce Degna. Eldest child of Guglielmo Marconi peacefully at home on September 16th 1997. MHILETT - Adele on 16th September aged 88 peacefully at Hammerson House, Descry loved widow of Dunis, mother of Fetst and Anthony, grandmother and great-grandmother.

OGENTE - Inin Hamish MRE died peacefully on 15th September Beloved husband of Bernardine, father of Sonia and Alasdair and grandisther of Nicholes and Julian. Funeral at St Theresa's Church, Weldon Way, Merstham at midday on Tuesday 23rd September. Family Elowers only. RUDKIN - Charles Hugh Stephen, tragically on 15th September 1997, as the result of a car accident. Beloved husband of fulls, loving father of Andrew, Phillips and Serak-Anne and granded to James, Harry and Abigail.

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TOYE - On 16th September peacefully at Garland House Rest Home, Southborough, Betty Toye, aged 84 years. Funeral Service in St. Thomas Church, Pennington Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday 24th September. Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday 24th September at 1.45pm. Flowers, or if preferred, donations to RS.P.C.A. may be sent c/o J. Kempster and Sons, 2-4, Albion Eoud, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2FE (rel: 01892 523131).

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Whale, Theologian and
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THE REV J. S. WHALE

The Rev J. S. Whale. former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council and sometime Headmaster of Mill Hill School, died on September 17 aged 100. He was born on December 19, 1896.

mong the Noncon-formist divines of his time, J. S. Whale I may not have been the best known - figures such as Leslie Weatherhead, W. E. Sangster or Donald Soper were always far more household names. But, as a survivor from the age when Nonconformity was still a power in the land, he could claim, through the intellectual cutting edge of Congregationalism, to have helped to provide the Free Churches with academic respectability.

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He was a distinguished historian and theologian, parricularly highly regarded in Oxford, Cambridge and in the Inited States. His intellectual influence reached well beyond the parameters of one denomination. His 1941 Christian Doctrine, in particular, was frequently reprinted and remained in regular use in Anglican theological colleges for more than fifty years.

But, earlier, his gifts had seemed to be more popular ones. There was a moment when it almost seemed as if he might become the heir to Charles Spurgeon. Although born too late to enter fully into the great Nonconformist greaching inheritance, he was a genuine master of the pulpit, possessing great dramatic gifts, a lucid mind and the authentic accent of authority. li he rejected that route to fame, it was probably because he came to despise it.

John Seldon Whale was himself the son of a Congregational minister and went to a Congregational school in Caterham. His First World War service was spent in the best dissenting-pacifist tradi-tion: he worked for the YMCA. the Friends' Ambulance Unit (partly on a hospital ship) and

for the Serbian Relief Fund. At St Catherine's Society. Oxford, after the war he obtained a first in history before training for the ministry, again in Oxford, at the then Congrecationalist Mans-



A portrait of the Rev J. S. Whale by P. K. C. Jackson that hangs at Mill Hill School

influential Bowdon Downs Congregational Church on the outskirts of Manchester, he returned to Mansfield College to teach church history.

From there he moved to Cambridge to train Congregational ministers at Cheshunt College, of which he was President from 1933 to 1944. In retrospect, as recognised by his honorary DD from Glasfield College. After four years, gow in 1938, these were his private doubts.

James Dunnachie.

Labour MP for Glasgow,

Pollok, 1987-97, died of

cancer on September 7

aged 66. He was born on

November 17, 1930.

IN THE Commons for a

decade, Jimmy Dunnachie was one of the last blue-collar

workers to become a Labour

MP. He was a shop steward

for most of the 34 years he

spent as an engineering work-

er and, like many other Glas-

gow MPs, he entered the

1925-29, as minister of the peak years, when his skills as a writer, lecturer and broadcaster first came to the fore. His reputation as a preacher

had already been established (on hearing him once in the 1920s even Lloyd George — no mean connoisseur in these matters - was heard to remark that he had discovered "a pulpit genius"). Increasingly, however, his pulpit certainties came to contrast with his

JAMES DUNNACHIE

House through Scottish local

A heavily-accented Glas-

wegian, warm-hearted and

popular, active to an almost

obsessional degree in causes

he cared about, he seemed to

have entered national politics

almost as an afterthought. He

did not join the Labour Party

until he was 36 and it was

more than 20 years later that

he decided to stand for Partia-

ment. He was chosen then for

the cast-iron Labour seat of

Pollok, though he only just

government.

He served as Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council in 1942-43 and, as such, often stood alongside Archbishops William Temple and Cyril Garbett on declarations of Christian principle arising out of the ethical issues posed by the Second World War. In November 1942 he wrote directly to Winston Churchill to protest against practice - which the British Government had brief- 1995.

beat off a strong challenge eight to seven at this year's from a Militant candidate at election. Dunnachie, who was the all-important selection expected to retire, made a sudden bid to become the

conference. Militant mounted another challenge to him in 1992, when Tommy Sheridan, the Scottish anti-poll tax campaigner, stood against him from the prison cell where he was serving a six-month sentence. Sheridan secured more than 6.000 votes and finished in second place.

Redistribution cut the num-

ber of Glasgow seats from

by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

RED SKELTON

Red Skelton, comic actor. died on September 17 aged 84. He was born in Indiana on July 18, 1913.

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In 1944, when the flow of

prospective Congregational ministers to Cheshunt had

very nearly dried up, he

caused some surprise by ac-

cepting the headmastership of

Mill Hill, a public school of

Congregationalist foundation

but increasingly viewed as non-denominational. He was

later to regard this move as a

mistake but he certainly re-vived the academic tradition of

the school, which had been

damaged by a wartime evacu-

ation to Cumberland, Not

surprisingly, he felt more at home with the sixth form than

he did with most other groups, including the staff and the

governing body (with the latter

his relations were not always

easy). With some relief, he laid

down what he had increasing-

ly come to see as a burden

after seven years.
Once he had left Mill Hill,

Whale never took a full-time

academic post again, nor did

he return to the pastoral

ministry. This caused some

disappointment to his admir-

ers - but the truth probably

was that his most durable

achievements, and certainly

his own greatest satisfaction.

lay in prose. In addition to

Christian Doctrine (1941), he

wrote two further substantial

works. The Protestant Tradi-

tion (1955) and Victor and Victim: The Christian Doc-

trine of Redemption (1960). He

combined writing both these

books with preaching and

teaching (often via visiting

professorships or lectureships

in North America, where his

fame — at least at Protestant

institutions of learning — had by the 1960s probably out-

grown that which he had

known in Britain even in his

heyday. After the end of his Ameri-

can period - he did not

appear much on university

campuses in the United States

after 1968 - Whale led an

increasingly reclusive life on

Dartmoor until his own, and

his wife's, increasing infirmity

forced a move to an Edin-

burgh nursing home to be

He is survived by his wife

Mary, one of his two daugh-

ters, and two of his three sons.

the elder of whom became an

Anglican and was Editor of

the Church Times from 1989 to

candidate for the new Govan

seat: his intervention was one

of the factors which enabled

the controversial Mohammed

James Francis Dunnachie

was Glasgow-born and was

educated at St Margaret's

School at Kinning Park. The

son of a ship's fitter, he followed his father to a yard

on the Clyde before joining

Rolls-Royce. His union activi

ties led to progress in local

government, where he served on Glasgow City Council, Glasgow District Council and

Strathclyde Regional Council,

before he attained at the age of

In the House, where he rose

to be an Opposition whip

(serving as Scottish whip under Derek Foster between

1989 and 1992) he tended to be

on the Left, though on social

matters he represented old-

time Glasgow Roman Catho-

lic feeling. He supported abortion-curbing Bills and was one of only seven Labour

MPs who voted against any

reduction in the homosexual

access to gambling machines,

fluoridation of water, using

animals for cosmetics re-

search and the exploitation of

He was married in 1974 to

Isobel Payne, who survives

children generally.

him.

56 a seat at Westminster.

Sarwar to be selected.

near their daughter.

German prisoners of war.

IT WAS an accidental fall off the stage while auditioning for a part in a travelling medicine show that brought about Red Skelton's comic persona, one that would ultimately sustain a career as America's bestknown clown for nearly seven decades. Breaking several bottles of medicine on his way down, his fall drew big laughs, and Skelton was recruited to repeat it. Bumbling pratialis became the cornerstone of his routine, and he continued to perform them well into middle age, despite suffering from fractured knees as a result.

His innate flexibility combined with a rubber face and superb comic timing virtually guaranteed that audiences would dissolve into laughter during his routines. What was surprising was that Skelion, often amused by his own antics, would stop his own act to join them in their mirth. He once remarked that laughter overcame him so often he rarely went to funerals for fear of disgracing himself.

A clown and comedian who survived the transition from vaudeville to radio and then to the big screen, Skelton typified the kind of entertainer for whom the show always went

Richard Bernard Skelton, nicknamed Red on account of his red hair, was born in the town of Vincennes, Indiana, two months after the death of his father, who had once performed as a clown with the Hagenbeck and Wallace circus. The Skelton family was destitute, and the young Red began working at seven to contribute to the family finances. He delivered newspa-

pers for three years before joining a travelling medicine show, honing and perfecting his act. By the age of 15, having mastered the pratfall and developed a stock of comic characters, Skelton his the vaudeville circuit.

He made his debut on radio

and on Broadway in 1937, but early attempts to conquer Hollywood did not prosper after he failed a screen test. Incredibly, it was eating doughnuts that landed him a second chance for a life on the silver screen. During the mid-1930s he developed a sketch that had him eating 12 doughnuts in various poses. After three shows a day and a weight gain of two and a half stone, Skelton caught the attention of the child star Mickey Rooney

who taking pity on him, recommended him to MGM. He went on to appear in numerous MGM comedies, including Having Wonderful Time, Watch the Birdie, and Whistling in Brooklyn, which saw him pitching against the Brooklyn Dodgers. Among his

last films was Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines (1965).

But it was on television that Skelton gave flight to his most famous comic characters, among them Hayseed Clem Kadiddlehopper, Freddie the Freeloader, Cauliflower Mc-Pugg, the drunken Willie Lump-Lump, the con artist San Fernando and the crosseyed seaguils Gertrude and Heathcliffe.

Skelton's television career began on NBC in 1951 with a sketch comedy show that ran in varying guises until 1970. when he was unceremoniously taken off the air. Television executives said they believed the vaudeville-trained comic was too dated for the medium.

In 1945 Skelton married Georgia Davis and they had a daughter and a son, who died of leukemia aged nine. This marriage ended in divorce, as had his first in 1943. Skelton married his third wife. Lothian, in 1973. She survives him. together with the daughter of his first marriage.

BRIGADIER BERNARD COWEY

Brigadier Bernard Cowey, DSO, OBE, Commander 9th Armoured and 148th Infantry Brigades, TA, 1956-58, died on August 20 aged \$5. He was born on November 20, 1911.

"BUN" COWEY, as he had been nicknamed in childhood, had an outgoing personality and was a natural leader. An outstanding sportsman, he played rugby for Newport, London Welsh, the Army and the Barbarians, and won four Welsh caps, Playing against England in 1934 and 1935, and against Scotland and Ireland in 1934, he scored three tries as a right wing three-quarter.

Regiment's famous 1st Bartalion rugby XV when they won

the Army record for the event. His renown as a military leader came when he won his DSO commanding the 2nd Battalion of his regiment in Burma in May 1945. He had taken over the battalion in almost from the moment of his

outflanking night march up steep hillsides. His ambush

towards the end of the campaign in May 1945 when the remnants of the Japanese armies were trying to escape across the Sittang River eastwards towards the borders of Burma. "Buniorce", an allarms group based upon 2nd Welch under Cowey's command, was to clear the mad from Toungoo on the Sittang

He captained the Welch

the Army Cup in 1935, 1937 and 1939. In 1935 he was a member of the 1st Battalion's 4 x 440 yd relay team, com-posed of the rugby XV's three-quarter line, when they broke

February near Imphal in a tired and battle-weary state and had restored its morale first talk to the troops assembled around him.

2nd Welch were part of

Major-General "Pete" Rees's 19th Indian Division advancing on Mandalay from the north on the east bank of the Irrawaddy. Cowey's first notable engagement was at Maymyo, where he successfully cut the Japanese withdraw-al route with a long

destroyed some forty supply vehicles carrying cash, rations and, to the Japanese, precious vehicle spares, tyres and pet-rol. It was estimated to have shortened the fighting in that area by two months. The action, for which he

won his DSO, took place

Welch Regiment in 1931, he Burma in 1945.



the Japanese were desperately trying to keep open, using a series of anti-tank gun blocks in depth along it. In six days of some of the hardest fighting of the campaign, calling for great courage, tactical skill and dogged determination under incessant monsoon rain, Bunforce cleared six miles of well-defended blocks, capturing 12 guns in the process; they were only stopped by three

blown bridges.

Bernard Turing Vionnée
Cowey was not a Welshman. His father, Lieutenant-Colonel R. V. Cowey, was a Channel Islander, and his mother was Dutch. Educated at Wellington and Sandhurst, he hoped to join a Scottish regiment, but the Welch Regiment were looking for rugby-playing tal-ent and persuaded him to join them. When it came to selection for international sides, his successes captaining the Welch Regiment's XV was enough for Wales rather than Scotland to claim him. They were fortunate to have done so because he scored the winning try against Scotland in 1934.

Commissioned into the

saw service with the 1st Battalion during the Second World War in Palestine, Egypt (mentioned in dispatches in 1941), the Western Desert, Crete, Tobruk and India, where he commanded 2nd York & Lancasters in 1944 before assuming command of 2nd Welch in After the war, he became a

company commander at the reopened Sandhurst until 1950, when he had a spell as GS01 in Greece. A year later he went to be Chief Instructor at the Quetta Staff College. In 1953 he was given peacetime command of the 1st Battalion of his regiment on its return from Korea to Hone Kone. making him the only officer to command both battalions. Promoted brigadier in 1956.

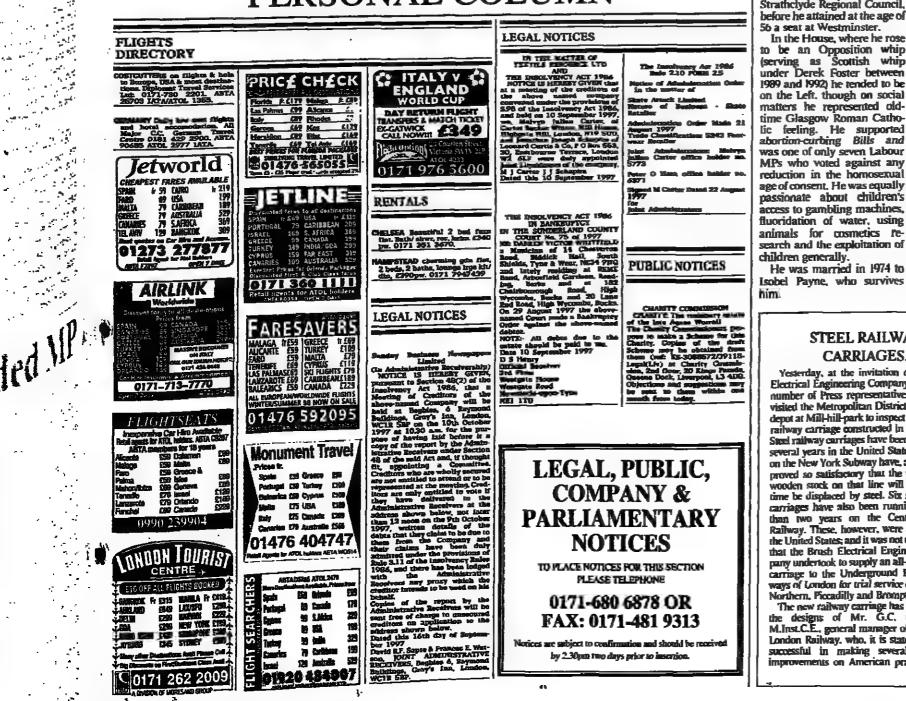
he commanded, in succession 9th Independent Armoured Brigade (TA) and 148th Infantry Brigade (TA), 1956-58. He retired in 1963 after being Brigadier (Administration) in Singapore, followed by In-spector of Intelligence at Maresfield.

He started his retirement as an Army security vetting officer but, to his delight, was selected as the secretary of the Nottinghamshire TAVR Association in 1965. Two years later he became deputy secretary and then secretary of the TAVR Council at national level. He became a Deputy Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire in 1973 and was appointed OBE in 1976.

Besides playing rugby, he was a capable horseman with an interest in Arab bloodstock. He became show director of the Arab Horse Show, 1968-81, and bred and owned five racehorses. He chaired the Army Rugby Union Referees Society, 1963-73, and was the East Midlands regional secretary of the British Field Sports Society from 1975 to 1983. He was regional organiser of the Army Benevolent Fund.

He married Margaret Heath Dean (nèe Godwin) in 1947. They had no children. He was widowed in 1994.

PERSONAL COLUMN



STEEL RAILWAY CARRIAGES.

Yesterday, at the invitation of the Brush Electrical Engineering Company (Limited), a number of Press representatives and others visited the Metropolitan District Railway car depot at Mill-hill-park to inspect the first steel railway carriage constructed in this country. Steel railway carriages have been running for several years in the United States, and those on the New York Subway have, as it is stated, proved so satisfactory that the whole of the wooden stock on that line will in course of time be displaced by steel. Six steel railway carriages have also been running for more than two years on the Central London Railway. These, however, were a product of the United States; and it was not until recently that the Brush Electrical Engineering Comparty undertook to supply an all-teel railway carriage to the Underground Electric Rail-ways of London for trial service on the Great

Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway. The new railway carriage has been built to the designs of Mr. G.C. Cuningham. M.Inst.C.E. general manager of the Central London Railway, who, it is stated, has been successful in making several important improvements on American practice in the

ON THIS DAY

September 19, 1905

For many years the bodies of railway carriages were made of wood. In serious accidents there could be "telescoping" of coaches which were sometimes smashed to matchwood causing many casualties. There was also the ever-present danger of fire.

British-made carriage. The new railway carriage is claimed to be superior to the standard wooden car in three respects. The first is its absolute immunity from any danger of fire: the second, a considerable reduction in dead weight, and the third consists in the material reduction it will effect in expense of haulage. It is pointed out that railway rolling stock of the standard types, especially dining. sleeping, and corridor coaches, is tending to become more spacious, and consequently heavier. The cost of the steam or electricity required to propel each ton of rolling stock in regular service is an important feature in and City Railway seating 58 passengers ...

railway economy. On the London underground lines, for instance, this is estimated at L25 per ton per annum, and the reduction in the weight of a coach by, say, three tons would consequently represent a saving on that coach alone of £75 a year. The Brush Electrical Company estimate that a saving of about 20 per cent. in the weight of standard type of wooden railway coach will be effected by the substitution of steel carriages, and point out that, as there are over a million goods and passenger vehicles on British railways, there is ample prospect of a substantial reduction in running costs.

The steel carriage built by the Brush Electrical Engineering Company is formed of a steel frame with a body of pressed and riveted steel sheets. The sides have a slight outward curve, and prettily decorated in red and white the car certainly presents a tasteful and even elegant appearance. Its length over platforms is 49ft. 9½ in., its height from rail to roof 9 ft. 52 in., its interior has a perpendicular of 7ft. 6in., whilst its extreme width is 8ft. 9in. The seating capacity of the car is 54, and its total weight 15tons 17cwt, against the 21tons Scwt. of the Metropolitan District Railway coaches seating 52 passengers and the 18tons locwt, of the coaches of the Great Northern

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

BBC backs down over changes

■ The BBC backed down yesterday over proposed changes to television and radio news after a wave of protest from key presenters and editors.

Sir Christopher Bland, Chairman of the BBC Board of Governors, intervened to suspend the moves as Tony Hall, the BBC's chief executive of news, admitted that neither the governors nor John Birt, the Director-General, had been fully appraised of the detail of the changes before they were Pages 1, 2 announced.....

Tourists flee Cairo after attack

Hundreds of British tourists were evacuated from Cairo as the city was unofficially declared a no-go area for foreign holidaymakers after suspected Muslim militants attacked a tourist bus, killing ten people and wounding 19 Pages 1, 13.

Churchill restoration

The humble grave of Sir Winston Churchill and the quiet English churchyard where he is buried are to receive a £350,000 .. Pages I, 5 refurbishment.

Warnock death Baroness Warnock, a member of

the Archbishop of Canterbury's advisory group on medical ethics, revealed how her husband was helped to die by a doctor who advocates euthanasia......Page 3

Palace Intruder

Detectives are investigating how an intruder spent seven hours in Kensington Palace without being detected. The man was a convicted crack cocaine dealer with a mental illnessPage 6

Milk saves runaway

A teenaged runaway was rescued from a life of heroin addiction after her photograph was printed on tens of thousands of milk cartons

Road hazurd

The motor industry was attacked for doing too little to tackle air pollution or to counter the macho motoring culture which prizes big high-performance cars Page 8

Hindley attack

A controversial portrait of the Moors murderer Myra Hindley in the Royal Academy of Arts' Sensation exhibition was attacked by two protesters when the show opened,...Page 9

Video game addicts

Almost one in four teenagers fears becoming addicted to fantasy video games, with around ten per cent spending more than 30 hours a week in front of the computer, says a survey...... Page 10

CIA meal of spying

The CIA has produced a cookbook of covert recipes designed to give the persecuted spy agency greater public appeal on its 50th anniversary...

Saturn launch

The century's last great planetary probe - and the biggest spacecraft to be sent to the outer solar system - is ready for launch to

Summit soothing

The German Government played down harmful comments by Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, about the single European currency as the Franco-German summit began Page 12 Uganda child slaves

Ugandan children are being for-

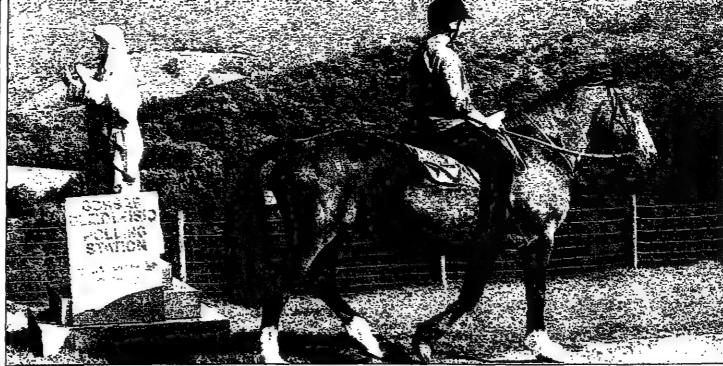
ced to take up arms and serve as sex slaves by rebels who aim to rule according to the Ten Commandments...

Chinese change

The third most powerful man in China's leadership, the seemingly liberal Qiao Shi, was dropped from the Communist Party centrai committee as Jiang Zemin solidified his power Page 15

Modesty blamed for council cover-up

So many male members of a council were distracted during meetings by the legs of their female colleagues that a councillor insisted desks should be fitted with "modesty" curtains. East Riding council has spent £645 on the cover-up after a Liberal Democrat. Dave Ireland, said his colleagues spent their time



Jessica Griffiths arrives at Capel-y-Ffin polling station in Wales's Black Mountains to vote in yesterday's devolution referendum

BUSINESS

Pensions cost: The costs of compensating those missold personal pensions could be far higher than the £4 billion estimate......Page 23

entants to merge: Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse have confirmed plans for a merger to create the biggest accounting firm in the worldPage 23

Pit closures: Coal unions may force the early closure of some pits owned by RJB Mining as part of a battle over redundancy entitlements worth an estimated £65 ...Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 33.1 points to close at 5046.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 99.5 to 100.6 after a rise from \$1,6024 to \$1.6157 and from DM2.8327 to DM2.8612.....Page 26

SPORT

Cricket: Kent, who started the final round of county championship games one point behind the leaders Glamorgan, took a first-innings lead of 93 over Surrey at Can-

Motor racing: Damon Hill, who was dropped by the Arrows team, is set to sign for Jordan, where he will partner Ralf Schumacher next

Football: Bruce Grobbelsar and Hans Segers could still be banned from the game for life after being charged with breaking the Football Association's betting rules Page 38

Sailing: Lawrie Smith was officially confirmed as director of sailing for Great Britain's America's Cup campaign for Auckland in . Page 42

ARTS

Tennstedt's legacy: "I doubt whether I shall ever encounter another conductor so capable of embodying the frailty of man and the greatness of mankind," says Richard Morrison about Klaus Tennstedt, who is gravely ill...

Guarded enthusiasm: The new West End musical, Enter the Guardsman. gets a muted fanfare of welcome from Benedict Nightingale..

Pop oa Friday: Caitlin Moran talks to The Sundays; David Sinclair reviews the new album from the Icelandic chanteuse Björk. Plus reviews and Top Ten Page 32-33 West Brom humour: Frank Skinner, comedian and incurable West Bromwich Albion supporter, has embarked on a tour

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

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with the star

Going Wilde for

Jennifer Ehle: Alan

Jackson is entranced

playing Oscar's wife

Growing up with the

mob: Victoria Gotti

MAGAZINE

FEATURES

Thief of arts: It was called America's art theft of the century. The FBI think they know who did it, but not where the spoils are. However, a Boston journalist may have the ... Page 16

Political couple: Dorlan Jabri talks for the first time about his private and political partnership with Chris Smith. Secretary of State for Culture, Media and

EDUCATION

Here and there: John O'Leary looks at discontent over Whitehall control of schools, while Mark Whitaker reports on a radical experiment in Chicago Page 35 Question of grammar: Many students lack the basic equipment to build a proper sentence, says Susan _Page 35

Come September: Chris Barton, Professor of Family Law at Staffordshire University, describes the start of a new term...

THE PAPERS

Half-way good news from Oslo, where nearly one hundred countries have agreed to a treaty banning landmines. The signatories promise never to use, develop, produce, store, advertise or distribute anti-pesonnel mines. If the pact is ratified in December there is a chance that one of the most horrific weapons will be phased out.

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TV LISTRIES

Review: John Diamond finds the cool, rational, non-superficial approach of Horizon (BBC2) a striking contrast with other science programmes. Preview: a new angling series. The Big Catch, begins on Lake Nasser in Egypt (BBC2 8.00pm) Pages 42, 43

OPINION

Death in Cairo

Economically. Egypt is modernising rapidly, but it is politically stagnant. Broader trust in the politiical leadership is needed to consolidate a victory that must still be

Beyond shame

If the public is to learn to trust the pension sector again, there is only one solution. Salesmen who work for companies should be paid salaries, not commission Page 19

I spy what I eat

A sous-chef at a fashionable brases. rie in St Germain des Près would be as horrified as the most discreet Mip controller to be asked to identify his sauces...

COLUMNS

MATTHEW PARRIS

Never let your daughter marry a mountaineer. Serious climbers are. seriously weird folk. Just how weird, and just how formidable, [have had the chance to discover. .. Page 18

PHILIP HOWARD

Pious national anthems are dire. Once it decided to drop God Saye the Queen, Australia should have adopted Waltzing Matilda Page 18 JOHN LLOYD

The Crown and the Church are deeply exhausted. The slicing away, especially since the Sixties, of the public dignity of both institutions has been both careless and ... Page 18

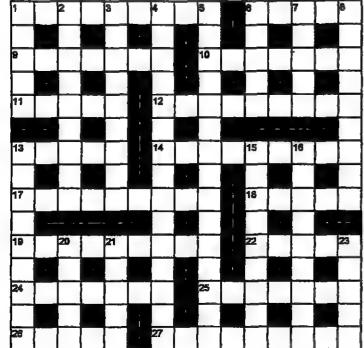
OBITUARIES

The Rev J.S. Whale, Congregational minister; Red Skelton, comedian: James Dunnachie, former Labour MP: Brigadier Bernard Cowey, soldier and rugby .. Page 21

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Sir Norman Fowler on anti-speeding campaign; Lord Habgood on Sensation exhibition; Minister for Employment on job statistics; funding of aerospace; "sneak's line" for Page 19

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,589



ACROSS

I Medusa taking dessert before main course (9).

 Flourish in suit (5). 9 Almost unworthy of being in-

cluded in a little trinket (7). 10 Chatter about one very averse to publicity (7). 11 It's installed up front in truck and

compels honest operation (5). 12 English very, very good, zealously advocating cause (9). 13 Brass money, old and new, with-

drawn (5). 14 Calibre is incorrect, with a short fuse (9).

17 Passed a range of knowledge on to public (9). 18 A maiden to keep supplying

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24 Skill employed in little drink (7). 25 Best be silent on short measure of

26 Grand piano blemished, to some extent (5). 27 Nearly let out for ever (9).

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4 Imprisoned frequently, I am finally free at critical momen (2,3,4,2,4).

5 Eternal optimist will produce strife within author's family (4.7.4). 6 Ask about popular person (5).

Filmsy basket (5). 8 They care surprisingly sovereign's infidelity (9).

13 Foil employer, perhaps, who wants to avoid strike (9). Daily, part of Africa turns up 16 Psalm a bit unusual at christen

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FORECAST

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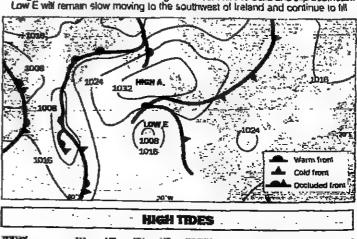
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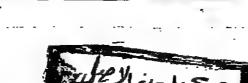
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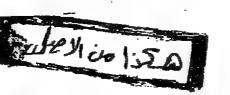
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Hill rewarded for driving a hard bargain **PAGES 37-44**

Union of Democratic Miners, said:

There is an increasing concern that

is going around the industry that

redundancies will be made after

March 31 and the employees will lose the rights they had." Mr Greatrex

said he has tried to raise the issue

with John Battle, Energy Minister,

but has not been able to get a

meeting. The Department of Trade

is not one we are looking at because

there are no plans for redundancies at

present. Until we have renegotiated the

contracts we don't know our produc-

tion requirements."

RJB said: The issue of redundancies

and industry would not comment

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19 1997



BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE coal unions may force the early closure of some pits owned by RIB Mining as part of a battle over redundancy entitlements worth an

The unions fear that employees of RJB will miss out on redundancy packages worth up to £27,000 for miners and up to £60,000 for colliery managers because the company has not made progress in crucial contract talks with the generators and has not yet set out plans for its future. The

British Coal, finish with the expiry at the end of March of the governmentarranged coal contracts with the

RJB last month closed the Asfordby stake is more than £65 million.

Union leaders are pressing Richard Budge, chief executive of RJB, both for fresh redundancy terms and progress on the contract negotiations. One union leader said: "If we get to Christmas and there is no deal signed then we could see pit closures

Another industry source said: There are bound to be closures because the market doesn't need the quantity of coal that RJB has."

The market for coal is declining as more electricity generation comes from gas. The renegotiation of the March 1998 contracts are crucial but

RJB faces increasing competition from cheap imports and small mining companies. It is believed that RJB is nowhere near a deal with any of the three major generators. Mr contract earning £299,280, is said to be sticking to a tough price for the coal while calling on government

Mr Budge inherited redundancy

Neil Greatrex, president of the

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industry is being exploited by international music pirates who are illegally producing billion each year. Page 24

Unions threaten RJB pit closures to secure payoffs



INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

estimated £65 million.

severance schemes, inherited from

electrity generators.

superpit but offered jobs in other pits for most of the 450 miners. The firm could faunch a redundancy programme on April I and be allowed to pay only the statutory redundancy. This is a maximum of £0.000 but is likely to average £4,000 for RJB workers. If — as industry insiders forecast - renegotiation of the electricity contracts lead to live or six pits closing, then the redundancy cash at

forced by the employees to secure the payments."

help to extend the coal contracts.

liabilities under the Transfer of Undertakings and Protection of Employment regulations, a European provision to maintain employees' terms and conditions.

Pirates

The booming British music CDs worth an estimated £3.1

Merger cost

Sun Life & Provincial, which merged with AXA Equity & Law two months ago to form the third-largest group in the UK life and pensions market. spent £48 million on the deal. Page 28

Pensions mis-selling costs will top £4bn

By CAROLINE MERRELL

THE costs to life insurers of compensating those that have been mis-sold personal pensions could be far higher than the original £4 billion

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The soaring compensation cost figures emerged as Helen the Treasury, revealed that a further 1.5 million pension mis-selling victims have yet to be identified.

Figures from the Personal Investment Authority show that, so far, the industry has offered more than £452 million of compensation to only 73,000 victims - an average of £6,000 per case. An estimated further 100,000 have yet to be compensated from a total of nearly 600,000 priority cases. Work on finding the extra 1.5 million non-priority cases, highlighted by Mrs Liddell. has not even started for many companies. The two million total means that around a quarter of those with personal pensions could have been mis-

sold a policy. City experts have calculated that, if only a third of these two million cases require compensation, the bill for the industry will exceed £4 billion. Bacon & Woodrow, the leading firm of actuaries working on musselling claims, yesterday agreed that costs of compensation could top the £4 billion

The compensation process has already begun to take a heavy toll on the balance sheets of some of the UK's biggest insurers. Prudential has put aside £450 million to pay compensation. Britannic has set aside £150 million, while Axa Equity & Law said yesterday that it had put aside £32 million. Pearl, which has among the highest number of cases, has refused to reveal how much compensation could cost. However, it has paid out £500,000 on one case alone. Mrs Liddell said: "We actually do not know what the final amount is. It is a time bomb for many individuals." Those in the second group of non-priority cases will include many younger people, under the age of 35. Mrs Liddell

pointed out that many of these will have bought personal pensions believing that they were being financially In an effort to keep up the

pressure, Mrs Liddell named a further 17 firms yesterday mis-selling cases. These included Standard Life, Albany Life, Axa Equity & Law, Com-mercial Union, and the three biggest networks of independent financial advisers -Burns Anderson, Countrywide and DBS.

Mrs Liddell has now named 41 firms that are the most guilty. She estimates they represent 83 per cent of all cases. In an effort to hasten the review, the Treasury now plans to publish figures on compensation each month.

Mrs Liddell claims that her policy of "naming and shaming" the guilty companies has already had a significant effect on the speed of the review. She said: "The industry has now sat up and taken note of it. We have seen a massive upturn in

The Prudential last week admitted that it was unlikely to meet its first deadline for compensating priority cases. She said: "I am very disap-

pointed at the Pru." The Pru said some of the delay had been caused by the mis-allocation of 8,000 cases. A Pru spokesman said: "We are disappointed that we are likely to miss the deadline."

Leading article, page 19



Do it yourself: Bill Grimsey, chief executive of Wickes, announced that he intends to move the company further into mainstream DIY retailing Wickes unveils the future

under US anti-trust legisla-

tion. In the UK, the Depart-

ment of Trade and Industry

was unable to say whether the

Office of Fair Trading or the

EU would examine the merg-er. The combined firm would

audit more than half the

The proposed new firm does

companies in the FTSE 100.

not have a name. "Accountants are not terribly good at this," said Ian Brindle, deputy

chairman of Price Water

Shy of consent, page 27

house, Europe.

WICKES, the DIY retailer, yesterday off of goodwill after the disposal of its attempted to draw a line under last year's accounting scandal as it uncontinental operations last year. Operveiled a four-year plan to introduce ating profit of £3.65 million pleased the City. which marked the shares up 16'2p new store formats and wider ranges. The company unveiled a pre-tax loss to 196p. There is no interim dividend. of £14.7 million for the six months to

Competition threat to creation

of world's biggest accountant

BY ROBERT BRUCE

income in 1996 was \$9.5 bil-

lion (£5.9 billion). The combin-

ed 1996 figures for Coopers &

Lybrand and Price Water-

house amount to \$11.8 billion.

Anxious to avoid sugges-tions that US and UK competi-

tion authorities would be

looking at the deal in detail,

partners were emphasising

the benefits of size to clients.

Nicholas Moore, of Coopers, who would chair the proposed

new firm, said that together

the firms "will have global

reach, the global strength and

the integrated management

structure" needed for success.

The Serious Fraud Office is continuing to investigate former directors of

million-plus hole in its accounts.

Bill Grimsey, chief executive, said that he plans to move Wickes further into mainstream DIY retailing, while retaining its stake in the heavier.

cent to the industry average of 5 to 6 per cent.

The company will invest about £3 million in converting six stores to a new trial format, carrying a broader range in areas such as paints, wallcoverings and bathroom accessories, and will also invest in an upgraded information

build margins from the current 2.3 per

technology system. Institutional apathy reigns despite 'fat-cat' controversy

BY JASON NISSE

PRESSURE from the Cadbury Committee, the Association of British Insurers (ABI) and the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) for institutional investors to make their voices heard with companies published today will show.

A comprehensive study of voting at annual shareholder meetings by Pirc, the City consultancy, has found that the average level of votes cast on motions which public companies put to shareholders increased by just 1.6 per cent between 1993 and 1996.

The report, to be presented only 1.07 per cent. No comat today's Pire Conference on the Hampel Committee report into corporate governance, reveals that the average vote was 39.3 per cent last year despite institutions holding more than 80 per cent of shares in UK companies. The ABI and NAPF recommend that their members vote all their shares on all motions which com-

panies put to shareholders. Pire found that the level of opposition to company motions had increased - however the average opposition has risen from 0.64 per cent to

pany motions were defeated at annual meetings in 1996. Pire said: "Although the

level of institutional voting has risen only 2 per cent, there is a growing trend towards oppose and abstain votes, indicating a higher degree of scrutiny.

The research also shows that 95 per cent of institutions had developed corporate governance guidelines, but only a third actually communicated these guidelines to the companies in which they invest.

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Friedman says IMF ought to be abolished

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

June 30 because of a £16 million write-

COOPERS & LYBRAND and

Price Waterhouse vesterday

confirmed plans for a merger

that will create the biggest

accounting firm in the world.

But the deal has still to clear

regulatory hurdles in the UK

A small team of fewer than a

dozen is now working on

proposals on which the two

firms' 8,500 partners can vote

If the partners vote it

through, the new firm would

replace Arthur Andersen as

the global leader in account-

ing. Andersen's global fee

before the end of the year.

MILTON FRIEDMAN yesterday stunned delegates gathering in Hong Kong for the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund by claiming that the organisation should have been abolished 26 years ago. The Nobel laureate - regarded as

the founding father of the monetarist economic doctrine that dominated British economics in the 1980s - also warned Europe that pressing ahead with monetary union could lead to the break-up of the European Union. Professor Friedman, speaking in Hong Kong before today's opening meetings, argued that the IMF had long outlived its purpose. "It should

have been abolished in 1971 and if not then now," he said. "If you had a private enterprise whose function had disappeared it would go bankrupt and out of existence, but not a

government organisation." The IMF was founded immediately after the end of the Second World War to supervise fixed exchange rates established under the Bretton

Woods agreement. But this role disappeared after the dollar floated in 1971.

Professor Friedman, who preached free market capitalism for more than quarter of a century from his base at the University of Chicago. was scathing about the IMF's new role of offering cheap loans to

Thailand with \$17 billion in bridging loans. He claimed that most of the governments "have exercised too much influence on their economies rather than too little" and the IMF "now does more harm than good".

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British Midland The Airline for Europe

CBI offers manufacturers hope on exports

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE sharp decline in manufacturing export orders may be levelling off, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday.

The CBI's September monthly trends survey provides the first tentative evidence that the manufacturing sector has weathered the worst of the damage caused by the strong pound. Separate data also published yesterday

shows money supply pressures easing slightly although economists said the slowdown is unlikely to prevent further rate rises.

Fewer manufacturers reported below aver-

age export orders in September, the CBI said, although order books remain very weak and close to the five-year low recorded last month. Sudhir Junakur, associate director of eco-nomic analysis at the CBL said: "Although our

survey shows export demand still to be weak, there is just a hint from the figures that the sharp deterioration since June has levelled off." But economists cautioned that there is little sign of the sector benefiting greatly from the recent slide in the pound.

Total order books weakened because of a slight moderation in domestic demand and remain below normal for the sixth consecutive month. But the CBI said output growth

continues to hold back inflation.

The latest raft of monetary statistics also sent mixed signals to the markets with lending figures showing some signs of slowdown but

consumer credit figures rising.

Annual growth of M4, the measure of broad money supply, declined from 12 per cent to 11.6 per cent in August — although it remains above the old monitoring range of 3 to 9 per cent. M4 bank and building parties best to 1.6.2 and building society lending declined from £4.2 billion to £4 billion, the lowest level for two years. But economists said this figure had been flattered by the effect of the gilt repo market.

Separate figures produced by the British

Bankers Association showed lending to individuals by the high street banks declining to £1.25 billion in August from £1.29 billion. The mortgage lending component rose £753 million, compared with a six-month average of £818 million, backing up other evidence that the housing boom is beginning to slow.

But the BBA measure of consumer evolit

But the BBA measure of consumer credit surged to £499 million from £411 million in July. Building Society Association data also showed gross mortgage lending falling slightly in August to £2.14 billion, while net advances increased marginally to £1.13 billion.

GEC joint venture flotation 'is a possibility'

group.

GEC owns 50 per cent of the joint venture. The other half is owned by Alcatel Alsthorn, the French telecoms and electrical engineering group. Alcatel was thought to oppose to a flotation but Serge Tchuruk. chairman, said it was a possibility yesterday, as he unveiled a return to profitability in the first half of 1997 for the the

George Simpson, GEC managing director, signalled in early July that he would like to float GEC-Alsthom, a power and transport equipment maker, to focus GEC more on defence electronics. A decision was expected within three

the French state.

M Tchuruk said he expected orders to pick up at GEC-Alsthom, where a programme to cut costs by 30 per cent is being implemented. The 12.3 per cent return on equity after charges is dwarfed by the 22 per cent enjoyed by ABB, the Swiss-Swedish group, but better than the 10.5 per cent of

GEC shares closed 4p up at 387p. Analysts were unsure how much Alcatel had softened on the float option. "It's not entirely clear what Alcatel are saying," said one. But if GEC succeeds in floating GEC-Alsthom, some feel it would tempt bidders for the previously hard-to-digest group, driving up the GEC

ed, although it still prefers a merger with a French state-

French group.
However, he added that Alcatel still prefers a merger with Framatome, in which it has a 44 per cent stake.

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GEC's French partner on the GEC-Alsthom joint venture said yesterday that the £4 billion business may be floatowned nuclear engineering

months, leaving mid-October as a general deadline.

M Tchuruk repeated his dissatisfaction with joint venture arrangements. The company has a 44 per cent stake in Thomson-CSF, controlled by

share price.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ernst & Young pays \$100m out of court

ERNST & YOUNG, the accountant, has agreed to pay \$100 million (£60 million) for its role in a 1990 US banking crisis. As auditor of a local insurer, Ernst & Young was implicated in the closure of 45 banks and credit unions in the state of Rhode island. The crisis started with the failure of a small bank insured by the Ernst & Young client, which led to a state-wide run on deposits and the unexpected collapse of the insurer, whose reserves were depleted. Ernet & Young depleted expected collapse of the insurer, whose reserves were depleted. Ernst & Young denies any wrongdoing and said it settled out of court because of the high cost of commercial litigation in the US. It claimed that part of the

\$100 million was covered by its own insurance.

The accountant, the second-biggest in the US after yesterday's megamerger, is expected to report annual revenues of \$3.6 billion (£2 billion) at the end of this month. Of the big six acountancy firms. Ernst & Young has been hardest hit by US compensation settlements, according to the National Association of Securities and Commercial Law Attorneys. In the four years up to 1995, Ernst & Young had to pay \$400 million out of a total of \$1.1 billion.

Daiwa Securities raided

JAPAN'S financial scandal tripped up a third big brokerage firm yesterday as prosecutors raided Daiwa Securities and alleged the firm had made huge payoffs to the racketeer at the heart of the affair. Tokyo prosecutors alleged in a statement that Daiwa Securities had paid a total of 67.28 million yen (about £347,000) to Ryuichi Koike, a sokaiya corporate: racketeer. Mr Koike is already under arrest for his alleged role in the payoff scandal in which Nomura Securities. Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank and Yamaichi Securities are embroiled.

US trade deficit grows

RECORD imports helped by car purchases from Japan and falling exports pushed the US trade deficit up sharply in July. The Commerce Department said the shortfall in trade with the rest of the world jumped 24.7 per cent in July to \$10.34 billion from \$8.29 billion in June, much higher than the \$9.4 billion deficit expected by Wall Street economists. William Daley, the Commerce Secretary, said America had been performing well given the slower economic growth among its top trading partners. But he had some tough words for Japan. virror to online b

Gas price cut inquiry

THE gas regulator is to investigate British Gas's planned nationwide price cuts in the wake of concern that they will discriminate against low-income fuel users. The cuts, which would mean £28 off an average annual bill, do not apply to customers on pre-payment meters. Campaigners claim competition is increasing the relative burden of fuel costs on low-income households. Suppliers say pre-payment customers cost more to service so they are not generally offered the same rates as direct debit customers and prompt payers.

Help for small firms

THE Government yesterday backed an innovative new way of financing small firms in a move aimed at improving the competitiveness of small and medium-sized companies. The endorsement of European-style mutual guarantee funds for small firms came after The Co-operative and Unity Trust banks said that they would be financing mutual trust guarantee societies as a means of generating finance for companies. The Co-op is to finance local societies with an initial loan fund of £5 million over the next three years.

Protean bid approach

PROTEAN, the engineering group, saw its shares soar from 135p to 180p after revealing that it had received an approach that may or may not lead to an offer being made for the company. A further announcement will be made as soon as possible, shareholders were promised. At last night's closing price Protean is worth almost £80 million on the stock market. In the year to March 31 the group made pre-tax profits of £8.7 million on sales of £81.1 million. The shares hit a peak of 272p in 1996 but have recently traded as low as 125p.

Toyota 'for France'

TOYOTA yesterday refused to confirm reports that it has decided to build a new small car for the European market in France despite intense lobbying efforts by Britain to land the project. Japanese press reports said the nation's biggest carmaker plans to locate the plant in northeastern France, but will manufacture engines for the 1,000-1,300 cc car at its existing factory at Burnaston, near Derby. A Toyota spokesman insisted that no decision had been reached.

Gains for troubled Cape

CONTROVERSY over its former asbestos mining activities in South Africa overshadowed a return to profit for Cape, the building materials group, in the first half. It faces asbestosrelated disease claims from five South Africans formerly employed at a subsidiary that no longer exists. Cape typically spends £2 million to £3 million a year settling asbestos claims. Profits before tax were £4 million, compared with a £19.7 million loss after one-off restructuring charges a year ago. The interim dividend is held at 3p, payable on November 14.

Chairman sells shares

THE chairman of European Telecom, the distributor of mobile phones and accessories, yesterday sold 4.9 million shares at 235p, raising about £11.5 million. The shares were floated last year at half that price. Warren Hardy said he sold the shares, year at nail that price, warren Hardy said he sold the shares, representing about 15 per cent of the outstanding share capital, to expand the company's shareholder base and improve liquidity. He still owns 53.6 per cent of the company. The sale came as the company announced the appointment of lan Lang, former President of the Board of Trade, as deputy chairman.

Pirates of the high Cs plunder £3.1bn

By CHRIS AYRES

Now, a machine the size of a

ed, with many running at

These factors, alongside a

British based record com-

panies, such as EMI and

Polygram, now fear that the

huge growth expected in for-eign sales of British music will

be felt mainly in the black

Nic Garnett, director general of the International Federa-

tion of the Phonographic Industry, said: "The amount

of CDs being illegally pro-duced is enormous. HMV in

Oxford Street contains I mil-

lion CDs at any one time. You would need 350 HMVs to get

the amount of CDs pirated

every year. That is how big the

vesterday unveiled a "zero tolerance" policy for CD pira-

cy. It also announced the appointment of a head of

enforcement, Iain Grant, the

former head of the Hong Kong

He said: "We need to go for

the jugular, hit the big players

and have a ruthless approach.

When music pirates think about the IFPI I want them to

think about jail sentences, confiscation of assets and of

expensive and lengthy

GLOBAL competition for in-

vestment is not causing a

dramatic reduction in levels of

corporate taxation, a new

study published today con-

The Institute for Fiscal Stud-

ies argues that there is no

empirical evidence that tax

competition between countries

is driving tax revenues toward

zero or causing a significant

erosion of the tax base. The

IFS study, Taxing Profits in a Changing World, examines corporate taxation in ten

OECD countries, including

Britain and Ireland, during

The IFS finds that the

average statutory tax rate for

the period 1979 to 1994.

police narcotics division.

double before 2002.

widespread feeling that legiti-

THE booming British music industry is being exploited by international music pirates who are illegally producing CDs worth an estimated £3.1 billion each year, according to an international copyright watchdog.

Many of the CDs. such as Oasis's Be Here Now and Spice by the Spice Girls, enter the black market only days after being released. The illegal production of CDs is often backed by international organised crime groups, such as the Chinese triads and the Russian, Bulgarian and Italian mafias.

The revelation will come as an embarrassment to the British music industry, which claimed that CDs were "un-pirateable" when they were launched in the early 1980s. In those days, a CD manufacturing plant cost more than £30 million and needed to be housed in a large warehouse.

IMF casts doubts on debt help

FROM JANET BUSH IN HONG KONG

The International Monetary Fund vesterday sounded a distinctly defeatist note on its initiative to relieve the debts of the world's poorest nations.

Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF, refused to express any optimism that its highly indebted poor countries debt initiative (H1PC) would make further progress at the fund's annual meeting.

He cast doubt on whether the fund would get the financial resources it needs from its members to fulfil the promises of HIPC and he placed the onus back on poor countries to improve their economic performance.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, arrives in Hong Kong loday, determined to reinforce progress towards debt re-lief. At this week's meeting of Commonwealth finance ministers in Mauritius, he pledged that Britain would fulfil its promises made under the HIPC initiatives and British gov-ernment sources said that they would immediately release about \$32 million (£20 million) that had been pledged to the IMF for debt relief.

But there is an increasing perception that the momentum behind HIPC has been lost.



Geest chills out with 74% rise

BY CHRIS AYRES

GEEST, the chilled foods group that recently shed its volatile bananas business, lifted profits 74 per cent in the half year to July 5, from £7.3 million to £12.7 million. The strong performance was helped by growing demand for chilled convenience foods. Turnover rose cent from £207

million to £227 million, with

corporations has declined from around 48 per cent (1979)

to 40 per cent (1994) and there

has been some convergence in

rates in the countries studied.

ments of corporate investment

allowances, which have result-

ed in the widening of the tax

base, have ensured that tax

revenue has remained rela-

tively stable. Measures of the

effective tax rates incurred by

corporations were also fairly

static. The IFS, however, says

that the countries examined do

not necessarily include those

where tax competition is great-

est and that other changes

could also have important

But changes in the treat-

Investment race

fails to cut taxes

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

earnings per share up from 6.9p to 12.5p. The interim dividend will be increased for the first time in five years, from 3.7p to 4p, payable on December 31. The shares rose 18p to 347p in response.

The company said it would continue to look for bult-on acquisitions. Jan Menzies-Gow, chairman, said: "The year to date has more than met our expectations. The chilled convenience foods market is growing strongly and we have significant positions within it. With a strong cash flow and sound balance sheet we shall continue to invest to match

demand. We are confident of the outcome for this year."



ALFRED McALPINE, the housebuilding and civil engineering group, is confident that its recovery is set to continue after the rapid inte-

gration of Raine, its recent

structuring is done and dusted. We have to convince the doubters in the market place that this is a good deal for McAlpine." Sceptics have suggested the Raine deal simply brought together two weak companies. McAlpine has integrated Raine's housebuilding arm to for £12.2 million, and expects to raise a further £7.5 million from selling its commercial properties in the UK and US. along with land in Spain. Acquired in mid-June, Raine contributed only

E700,000 to first-half operating profits of Eb.S million (£3.7 million).
McAlpine's private house building business made a £4.6 million profit (£2.9 million). The civil engineering arm reported flat profits of £1.3 million, while the special

Alfred McAlpine will pay an unchanged interim dividend of 3p a share on November 28.

projects division only broke

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Raine helps confidence at Alfred McAlpine

Whitehead: doubters

acquisition. Oliver Whitehead, chief executive, said: "Most of the re-

form eight regional companies. It has just sold West Venture, Raine's US housing business.

Building society takes issue with member who published booklet

Britannia closes carpetbagger's account

BRITANNIA Building Society has closed the account of a member for writing a booklet advising investors how best to go about carpetbagging.

Britannia — which strongly believes building societies should not convert to

banks - said it had decided to suspend the membership of Jon Massey because he was campaigning against mutuality. Mr Massey has received publicity about his booklet, The Carpetbagger's Accomplice, in which he says anyone who did not want to carn a £1.500 windfall from a £100 investment was a

"complete idiot". Stephen Williams, Britannia's chief solicitor, wrote to Mr Massey, saying it planned to close his caver account on

October 31. He said that unless Mr Massey had any other account or mortgage, then his membership would cease on that date.

BY OUR CITY STAFF

accounts with the society as our staff have been instructed to decline any such requests," said Mr Williams, who did not disclose any reason for the move. A spokeswoman said the decision to exclude Mr Massey had been taken by

the board. "We reserve the right to end the membership of any customer who is actively campaigning against mutuality.
We are staunchly committed to mutuality." she said. "We do not take these decisions lightly."

Speculation that agrumber of societies

may float has intensified after three flotations this year and the failure of campaigner Michael Hardern to win election to the board of the Nationwide on a

Mr Massey, from Plymouth, said he believed he had been unfairly treated. "I have not suggested standing for the board, like Michael Hardern, or doing anything to accelerate the conversion — although I hope it does convert," he said.

Mr Massey said he intended to establish whether the society was within its rights to close his account. The society pointed to the terms and conditions of the account, which state: "The society reserves the right to close the account upon giving written notice to the account holder."



TOURIST RATES

The dismanding of NatWest Markets has begun. Op-erations in Australia and

New Zealand are being auctioned and Hong Kong is next in line to be sold. As it signalled at

the time of its depressing half-

year results, NatWest has aban-

doned its grandiose ideas of being an international invest-

But it is not yet ready to admit

total defeat. After all, since the

idea of investment banking was

espoused so enthusiastically by

Lord Alexander and his amiable side kick, Derek Wanless, there

is a high degree of personal credibility at stake. The pair,

currently to be found among the hordes of money men now

thronging Hong Kong for the IMF, will not wish to be seen to

So the plan is to be a less than international investment bank.

concentrating particularly on

Europe, from a strong London

base, and with a presence in the

US. It is a strategy which smacks

of compromise rather than

conviction. If NatWest is not

competing with the international

giants in investment banking,

then it needs to be doing some-

Pulling out of certain countries

will cheer the analysts and

investors since it demonstrates

the seriousness of the company's

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tax profits down from £134.7 million to El23.1 million as a

result of £12.7 million reorganisation costs. The after-effects of the Channel Tunnel fire helped to boost operating profits from ferries

ALBRIGHT & WILSON, the

against its profits to cover

new chief executive.

chemicals company, is mak-

ing a £27.8 million charge

redundancies, closures and

other changes ordered by its

Paul Rocheleau, who took

over on the retirement of

Robin Paul two months ago.

agreed he was making use of

the new chief executive's pre-

rogative, and said many of the

changes would not normally

justify being treated as excep-

tional items.

Ti.l charge, combined with



Sterling: hopeful

from £500,000 to £11.3 million. while Bovis Homes, which is to be floated off in November. more than doubled profits to £13.3 million.

Earnings per share declined from 15.7p to 14.6p. while the interim dividend is maintained at 13.5p. Tempus, page 26

Albright makes £27.8m

charge to cover cutbacks BY PAUL DURMAN the strength of sterling, cut

Albright's first-half pre-tax profits from £32 million to £1.6 million. The company said the underlying picture was much more positive, with operating profits rising from 130.0 million to £39.2 million, after stripping out currency effects. In all. Albright is making about 100 people redundant. with the closure of an old

sulphuric acid plant in

Whitehaven, Cumbria, and

numerous other cuts. The

E27.8 million charge also in-

cludes a"3 million write down

Surfactants, which are used in detergents, was the best performing business, with profits recovering from £5.4 million to £83 million. The phosphates division saw its profits fall from £22.2 million to £15.2 million.

of the group's investment in its

Philippines associate, £3.5 mil-

lion on environmental clean-

up costs, and 43 million to

introduce consistent stock

accounting procedures.

The company will pay a foreign income dividend of 2.35p (2.25p) (*); November 21.

NatWest markets a compromise

NatWest Markets and cut the asset exposure. But many would like to see Chip Kruger, the chap now in charge, effectively doing himself out of a job.

There would be takers for the whole caboodle. Earlier this month Commerzbank signalled its desire to spend more money on building its presence on the investment banking scene and some detected a subtle wink in the direction of NatWest.

Lord Alexander might have publicly spelt out his continuing commitment to the business, but what reasonable shareholder would blame him if he were to bow to a generous offer?

For the indications are that, both in the UK and the US, the difficulties are mounting. The US businesses from which Mr Kruger hailed are said to be finding the competition increasingly tough And in London, the Hambro Magan acquisition has not turned out as planned. As a corporate finance boutique, it was a brilliant success, but as an adjunct of NatWest, it quickly found that while the bankers may be bound by golden handcuffs, the clients are not.



Major companies such as BTR are taking their business elsewhere, influenced, no doubt, by the question marks that lurk over the bank. Their defection serves only to further reduce the sinking morale among staff. No wonder that innovative financier, George Magan, was to be found on the grouse moor at the beginning of this week rather than in the City.

Cracks appearing in the China syndrome

Thina is a disproportionate presence on the agenda at
the current International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings in Hong Kong, yet not a single recognisable official has been seen. Just mention China and a hushed reverence de-

A new World Bank report,

China 2020, was published to great fanfare yesterday but the launch bordered on the farcical. Every time the Bank staff appeared to feel that a question might annoy Beijing, embar-rassed giggles rippled down the podium and the reply was left to the one official who no longer has any dealings with China. The perfectly orthodox point that democracy breeds incentives and economic dynamism was batted back time and again. The Com-munist Party was described variously as a unifying force, a reforming force and even a

The Bank is an institution in strategic denial. There is real fear China's massive economic potential and the Bank clearly feels that, only by feeding Beijing a diet of unquestioning praise, will the rest of the world have a

cohesive forum for discussion",

success to its own interests. Only by keeping out of politics will the Bank be allowed to nurse Beijing towards the economic reform that will eventually open its markets to the exporters of the industrialised world.

One of the most delicate tasks

ahead is accomplishing China's accession to the World Trade Organisation. Negotiators from the world's largest trading powers keep offering tougher and tougher entry terms, knowing that they have only one chance to avoid handing China a long-term trading advantage. But this brinksmanship has its dangers. The last outcome anyone wants to see is China staying out, threatening a future of trade wars with no recognised framework for solving them. The Bank's China experts urged the world's rich countries to "get China in and do the fine-tuning

afterwards". And beyond the jockeying for economic advantages lies an unspoken gamble that a China integrated into a liberalised world economy is more likely eventually to concede democratic reforms than an isclated China.

X underrated by institutions

emocracy is a right, but a rarity, particularly in the corporate world But like the American electors - more than half of whom fail to vote in elections for Congress - institutional investors in the UK do not appreciate their rights.

Pirc. the pension fund adviser, has found that despite all the noises made about corporate governance, when shareholders have the chance to register their views on the re-election of directors, share incentive plans and the like, less than two fifths of them bother to yote.

This is a premy pathetic show-ing. Voting at AGM's could not be easier. There is no need to and popping it in the post will do the trick. It takes only a few minutes of an overpaid fund manager's time. And it is time well spent, because the manager will then have to think about the company in which he or she had invested millions of clients' money rather than just checking the share price.

Those fund managers who have not merely switched into auto-pilot and resorted to tracking the index generally like it to be thought that they have an interest in the long-term performance of companies. In that case, they should be voicing their opinions through the ballot and not just in private meetings with management, which, no doubt, is where most would claim to be demonstrating their level of

Stocks — and shares

NAMING and shaming con-tinues to put Helen Liddell in the public eye, but her strategy of putting pensions mis-sellers in the modern equivalent of the stocks is failing to impress the crowd. Far from throwing tomatoes, the punters are continuing to give their business to the companies Mrs Liddell so vigorously dresses down. The continuing inflow of funds must provide a comforting cushion against the Treasury Minister's lashes.

Mirror to launch online betting service with PA

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

to 7.4p, and the interim divi-

Mr Montgomery yesterday

related new product for

Birmingham Live, part of the

TV stations for cable, which

well on its way to being a

11.1 per cent, to 1.5p.

THE Mirror Group is planning to launch an interactive online betting service in a joint venture with PA News, the national news agency, before the end of the year.

The service, to be known as "Sporting Life.com" will make available the sporting data from both Mirror Group newspapers and PA and will take bets on all sports. It is believed to be the first service

of its kind in the UK. The actual bets, involving Switch card transactions, or the equivalent, will be placed with City Index, the bookmaker. David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group. said yesterday: "The aim was to launch related products off the back of the newspaper base. There is no point in having just a newspaper group any more." He was speaking as the

> BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND DOMINIC WALSH

GOVERNMENT officials in-

dicated yesterday that there was no reason to delay a deci-

sion on the proposed cross-

Channel ferry merger be-tween P&O and Stena Line

beyond the start of October. Although European Com-

mission sources cautioned

that there were still unresolved issues, Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board

of Trade, has indicated that

Government and Commis-

sion decisions will be an-

to the companies for further

information, that could set in

train a process lasting another

P&O chairman, said: "If they

were going to turn it down completely they would proba-

The comments came as

p&O unveiled first-half pre-

bly have done it ages ago."

Lord Sterling of Plaistow,

If the EC decides to go back

nounced at the same time.

Birmingham area." Mr Montgomery said. chairman, said the group was

Smooth sailing for

P&O Stena ruling

Mirror Group, publisher of broadly based media com-The Mirror, Sunday Mirror pany, but the record results had been achieved by continand People, announced record uing to drive profits from its core products. These include profits before tax and exceptionals of E43.3 million in The Sporting Life and the Daily Record in Scotland. the six months to June 29, up 12 per cent from £39 million.

The group's core newspaper Earnings per share before exceptionals rose 10.5 per cent, titles increased revenue from £264.6 million to £267.5 million and operating profit from dend represents an increase of E55.2 million to E57.1 million.

In particular, the relaunch of The Mirror had "progresgave another example of a sively stabilised circulation and market share over its Mirror Group's chain of local

main competitor". Losses at Live TV fell from had just purchased the right to £1.8 million to £1.2 million in show the old games of Aston Villa from 1992-97. "We have 110,000 homes already in the the period, in spite of £1.2 million of extra costs in starting up new local stations. The Mirror Group promised to continue investing in its titles Sir Robert Clark, the Mirror and brands

Hanover

may seek

ruling By DOMINIC WAISH

HANOVER International, the

fledgling hotel company that

last month rebuffed an approach from Jarvis Hotels. is expected to ask the Takeover

Panel to seek clarification

from Jarvis of its intentions. There have been suggestions

Peter Eyles, executive chair-

man of Hanover, declined to

be drawn yesterday. However, one City analyst said: "Eyles is

unlikely to leave things in

limbo. The obvious move is to

persuade the Taketwer Panel

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The news came as Hanover

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Financial services boost for Kwik-Fit

BY CHRIS AYRES

AN unlikely combination of financial services and car maintenance helped to lift Kwik-Fit's pre-tax profits 17 per cent. from £21.5 million to £25.1 million, in the six months to August 31.

The company said that its telemarketing insurance business, set up two years ago with Alexander & Alexander, the US financial services

profits, against the £900,000 loss it had made the previous year. Kwik-Fit, which operates more than

1.000 sales and service nutlets in Europe, also revealed that it had plans for 30 new repair centres throughout the UK plus a further 25 in The Netherlands and Belgium.

Sir Tom Farmer, the company's chairman, said: "This, together with

the further expansion of the tyre management programme and the telemarketing operation, will enable the group to make continued progress in all areas of our business.

Kwik-Fit also reported a 9 per cent rise in turnover from £220 million to £240 million, with earnings per share up from \$.5p to 10p. The company managed to shrug off the effect of high exchange rates, which reduced profits

million. The City reacted warmly. pushing up the company's share price 21 p to 306 p. Analysts, who had forecasted half-year profits of about £24 million, said they had lifted fullyear expectations to £48 million. Kwik-Fit will pay an interim dividend of 2.35p (2.1p) on October 30.

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Investors ready for rough journey as futures expire

HANG on to your hats! It could be a rough ride for investors in the City today as they are forced to survive the combined effect of the expiry of the September financial future and "triple witching"

hour in New York. Brokers last night gave warning that it could lead to further volatility as fund managers and traders rush to close open positions ahead of the

expiry deadline.
One US hedge fund got a taste of what things could be like when it tried to close a bear position in the FTSE 100 index September future. Once other traders got wind of it, they made life difficult by chasing the future sharply higher. It closed at 5,091, a premium of 45 points to the cash price, with a massive

29,000 contracts traded. The underlying equity market continued to extend this week's gains with the help of another opening surge on Wall Street which carried the Dow Jones industrial average more than 130 points higher early on. It followed a subdued Philadelphia Fed business index. Sentiment in London was also supported by the latest CBI survey showing that the recent slide in export orders was tailing off.

But prices in London failed to hold their best levels and the FTSE 100 index finished 33.1 up at 5,046.2 as 821 million shares changed hands.

Will the Government relent and allow foreign shareholders to own more than 30 per cent of Rolls-Royce shares? The City certainly hoped so, which was one of the reasons for the 3¹ap rise to 237p yesterday. There is already some talk that the limit on foreign ownership may be raised to just under 50 per

US buying saw Railtrack surge 35p to 844 2p. Panmure Gordon, the broker, has set a

target price of 950p a share. BOC Group stood out with a rise of 272 p at £11.04 after its healthcare arm Ohmeda withdrew an application submitted. the US Food & Drus Administration for a new respiratory treatment with which to treat blue baby syndrome. The application will be resubmitted with new information next year.

Chiroscience rose 124p to 277 b p ahead of a meeting with brokers last night. British after giving a presentation for



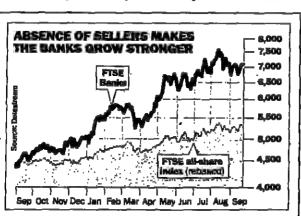
David Paget, of Whittard of Chelsea, saw shares fall 12p

one of its new treatments in Hamburg yesterday. Shield market touching limits of700p and 627 p before recovering

to close just 2½p off at 687½p. Speculative buying pushed ASW Holdings 8'2 p higher to 3612 p, a rise of 30 per cent, amid heavy turnover of 2.7 million shares. One story suggests the French Group Usinor is ready to offer 50p a

share, valuing the engineering group at £42 million.

There were further losses for National Power, down 9p at 543p, and PowerGen, 62p off at 7482 p. This follows bearish comments this week from Panmure Gordon, the broker, which claimed that other forecasts for National Power were too optimistic. PowerGen had been dragged



THE bank sector was up and running again, improving on its spectacular performance already this Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, started the ball rolling by recommending Standard Chartered, up 41p at 858 2 p, as a buy" to cilents.

James Johnson, at Laing, said the discount between Standard and HSBC, 2½p firmer at £19.61, had grown to 10 per cent - the widest it would be expected to reach. "We decided the shares should be bought. A differential of about 10 per cent

more than accounts for the

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difference in the exposure to the Far East between the two companies." he said. But even he was surrised by the reaction of the Standard share price and some of the other banks.

"When the financial markets pick up, the banks tend to run with things. Shor term, we are selectively overweight, but some of the mortgage banks are fully valued," he added. Woolwich rose 10p to

3272p while Abbey National added 202p to 906 p. Barclays 26p to £15.182, and Lloyds TSB 22p to 785p.

There was a mixed reaction
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Imperial Group was down 8p at 367½ p. It has been losing market share and next week loses its place as a constituent of the top 100 companies. Gallaher, which unveiled maiden interim numbers on Wednesday, slipped 6p to

267p. Hanson, which also loses its place as a top 100 constitu-ent, fell 62p to 299p as did Mercury Asset Management,

down 15p at £12.30. it was the first day of dealings on the big board for Whittard of Chelsea after moving up from AIM. The shares closed 12p lighter at 230p but have come up from 206p in the past week on the back of results. Another company soon to make the move from AlM to a full listing is Airtech, 132p better at 90p.

Datrontech Group continued to reflect this week's share purchases by its newly appointed finance director with a rise of 114 p at 93p, stretching the gain of the past two days to

16½p.
Novo Group touched 52½p before ending the session 4p dearer at 49p after the news after the close of business on Wednesday, that it had received a bid approach.

GILT EDGED: There was

a further flattening of the yield curve as worries about rising interest rates took their toll on shorter-dated issues. Buying interest was focused

on the ultra long end of the market at the expense of shorter dated issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished £1 better at £1144, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a tick easier at El03%. In the futures pit, the De-

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Keep investors afloat

P&O INVESTORS have legendary patience but they deserve some results rather than explanations. This time, the costs of the P&O Nedlloyd merger hit the revenue account in the first half and will do more damage in the full year. However, we are told that the restructuring is on course: P&O is promising the sale of housebuilding, better profitability from containers and more property sales. But to what end?

What shareholders want from P&O is better cash flow: for years, money was ploughed into container ships and real estate and P&O has not raised its payout since 1990. Ideally, this restructuring would be an opportunity to shed even more capitalintensive businesses. The ferries, for example, tie up some £400 million but earned a mere 10 per cent return on capital last year. Given the

cost of new ships, a return of at least 20 per cent is needed to justify the investment. If the European Commission allows the joint venture with Stena to go ahead, P&O should package the merged business for disposal. For so long P&O has been like a hoard of hungry children. After years of feeding they grew up into non-productive adolescents, expensive to run and with an uncertain future. P&O's scrip dividend demonstrated

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the acute craving for cash: a device which could increase the equity base by to per cent, leaving P&O with more to sink irro ships. Financing cruise ships with equity is an expensive strategy and one which P&O could avoid by slimming down the group further. Having turned halfway towards its investors, P&O needs to go further and return some of the non-performing capital to shareholders.

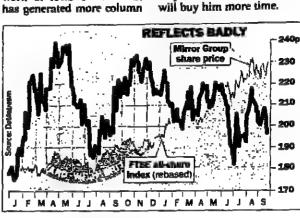
Mirror Group

DAVID MONTGOMERY is running out of options and this is precisely why the shares of the Mirror Group, where he is chief executive, may be worth a punt. Mr Montgomery plunged into the smoking rubble of the newspaper company after the death of Robert Maxwell. refinanced it secured its pension plans and kept its head above water during the nastiest circulation war in recent memory. The shares quadrupled in price. They began to sag early this year and have since underper-

ned the market. he Mirror Group lacks ngine of growth. It is to a e extent a single-asset ness in an industry with long-term growth pros-s. While advertising revs have been buoyant. continuing price war means there is little scope to raise cover prices.

Mr Montgomery is nobody's fool and has attempted to build a TV business, but his grand idea of launching a cable-TV programming venture has fallen flat for lack of partners. Meanwhile, Live TV, his low-budget network of local TV stations.

inches than profits. Several years on and Mirror Group is still The Mirror plus some bits and pieces. With no new markets opening up, Mr Montgomery has the choice of selling out or using the group's ample cashflow to finance a share buyback: the latter is more likely. At the very least, a share buyback will buy him more time.



RMC

RMC GROUP is becoming a play on a German recovery. Fears of a weakening in the German construction market next year, combined with an expected slowdown in UK growth, cut 5 per cent from the share price.

The half-year figures from RMC's German business look misleadingly positive. Profits rose by almost a quarter to £35.5 million, even after the E7.I million impact from the strong pound. However, this largely reflects the dire winter that damaged the 1996 results. RMC believes the underlying picture is a 4 to 6 per cent fall in German this will come into focus during the more important second half. After another fall of perhaps 2 per cent next year, it hopes to see a

recovery in 1999. While the share price reaction is understandable, RMC is entitled to its seen-it-allbefore insouciance. As the

management never tires of emphasising, Germany is a huge market and RMC is well placed to take advantage of its eventual revival - not least through the Rüdersdorf cement plant near Berlin. In the meantime, it is making good progress in the benign UK environment and in the rest of Europe, despite the intractable problems of the

French economy. At 9985p the shares are unlikely to race away, but the company remains as solid as its concrete. This latest weakness makes the shares more

Kwik-Fit

more evidence that the public regards their brands with contempt, they should look at Kwik-Fit From a standing start, and within two years, a chain of exhaust repair shops has become the sixth-largest purveyor of motor insurance. making a profit of £3 million in a half year. This is, in part, the power of a brand which has instant recognition among motorists. However, the unlikely success indicates the extent to which insurance has become a commodity that sells on price, convenience and service.

Anyone thinking of quitting Kwik-Fit should question whether there is any reason why its insurance arm should not quickly move up the ladder in terms of market share. The only barrier is likely to be resistance from other insurers, but there is no shortage of underwriting capacity, this being

an overcapitalised industry.

A frosty winter would do wonders for Kwik-Fit which. base, enjoys geared profits crease. However, the company is also showing signs of much better cashflow and will need to think of special dividends if current trends

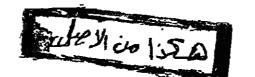
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Argument over divergent interest levels has important implications for Europe

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The Bundesbank decision yesterday to keep its interest rates unchanged at 3 per cent may have pleased financial markets and must surely have delighted the French and German Governments. But for some European politicians, the Bundesbank's reluctance is becoming a source of embarrassment and economic distress. The clearest case is, of course, the British Government, which would be delighted if higher German interest rates were to bring the strong pound back down to earth. But now there are even stranger bedfellows for the monetary hard-liners on the Bundesbank council. Bizarrely, the Governments of Italy, Spain, Ireland, Portugal and Finland have all now joined the British Government and the Bank of England in hoping that German interest rates will soon go

To see why this is so and to understand the profound im-plications of this shift in alliances for the future of Europe — and for Britain's future relationship with the single currency - we can start with a rather technical question. If European monetary union is going to be irrevoca-bly launched in May next year, as European governments announced over the weekend and as almost everyone in the worlds of finance and politics now firmly believes, why are German and Italian three-month interest rates still more than three percentage points apart? This seemingly narrow question contains within it many of the most interesting economic and political conundrums about the European economy, as I realised last weekend in talking to senior officials from Frankfurt, Paris and Brussels at a conference on EMU at Ditchley Park.

There are broadly two possible reasons for the continuing divergence between Italian and German rates. It could be that Italian and Spanish interest rates remain much higher than German ones because the markets do not yet quite believe that the Club Med countries will be allowed to join in the first wave of EMU. Alternatively, it may be that Italian (and Spanish) interest rates are being deliberately kept apart for good economic reasons. It may be that Iraly and Spain need high interest rates to control inflation. while German (and French) rates must be kept down to mitigate unemployment and revive economic growth. If the first explanation is correct, then the single currency should be able to start smoothly. Mediterranean interest rates will fall

EUROPEAN BOND YIELDS ARE CONVERGING... ...BUT SHORT-TERM INTEREST RATES REMAIN FAR APART

gradually as the starting date by the newly created Eurofor EMU approaches and the markets become increasingly confident that Italy and Spain will take part. There will be no pressure on Germany and France to raise their interest rates before 1999 and EMU will get off to a good start with low interest rates, a competitive euro and robust economic

ine second explanation, on the other hand, suggests profound misgivings. It suggests that the single interest rate required under EMU will impose an inappropriate monetary policy either on Germany and France or on Italy and Spain. It also implies that Germany and France will have to raise their interest rates significantly in preparation for EMU. This monetary tightening could damage the recoveries that are only just starting in both these economies. Higher interest rates could also push the mark up against the dollar and yen. bequeathing an overvalued euro which would have to be defended with still further monetary tightening after 1999

pean Central Bank. How, then, should we explain the divergence between

Italian and German rates? The first explanation - that investors remain uncertain about EMU - may sound plausible, but it is not. Although short-term rates in Germany and Italy remain far apart, there has been a dramatic convergence in long-term bond yields, which are a much better measure of market expectations than officially determined short rates. The implication of this convergence in bond markets is clear: investors have reached the firm conclusion that monetary union will go ahead in January 1999 with all EU countries apart from Britain, Denmark,

Sweden and Greece. Why, then, do interest rates in Italy, Spain and Ireland remain so high and why can't they be reduced quickly to German and French levels? If you ask central bankers in any of these countries they give the same answer - and one which the Bank of England would enthusiastically echo. Relatively high interest rates are needed to maintain low infla-

the "artificially low" levels now seen in the Franco-German core of Europe would unleash consumer booms and speculative financial bubbles in the peripheral European countries. Such monetary easing would put at risk all the anti-inflationary achievements of the past five years. One of the strange ironies of the EMU endgame is that Italy and Spain will be arguing for higher interest rates. while the proponents of an easier monetary policy will be hard currency countries such

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as France. The French, who are absolutely determined not to inpreparation for EMU, oppose thus argument from peripheral Europe with a vehemence that is only just becoming clear. They have broadly two ripostes, both of them painful to the peripheral countries that argue that German interest rates will have to converge unwards to meet those in Italy, Ireland and Spain.

The first is that peripheral countries that cannot live with 3 or 3,5 per cent interest rates may simply have to stay out of

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EMU. Despite Lionel Jospin's insistent demands for Italian membership of EMU during the French election campaign, French officials are willing to question Italy's readiness to join the club. The whole point of EMU, they argue, was to create a club of non-inflationary countries with the highest possible monetary credibility and the lowest possible interest rates. This means that the euro must be seen as a natural successor of the mark and franc, with the same monetary policy. Euro interest rates cannot be set by "splitting the difference" between the mark and the lira.

The second riposte to suggestions for upward convergence of European interest rates is less brutal, but just as challenging for the peripheral countries that currently feel they need high interest rates. If Italy, Spain and the others fear the inflationary consequences of sharply lower rates, they should take other steps to deflate their economies - they should raise taxes or cut public spending even more aggres-sively than they already plan.

There is another, even more controversial way of suppressing inflation, which have never heard officials mention in public, but which some market observers are starting to diiscuss. If countries like Spain and Ireland were really worried about inflation, they could always revalue their currencies upwards against the mark and the franc when the final conversion rates are set next May. If the peripheral countries joined EMU with higher than expected exchange rates against the euro, they might experience a once and for all deflation like the one that hit Britain in 1990 when John Major joined the ERM. This crushing of inflationary expectations would allow the peripheral countries to live with German and French-style interest rates. France and Germany, meanwhile, would enjoy an improvement in competiteveness against some

of their main trading partners. Spain, Italy and Ireland will naturally resist such sugges tions for currency revaluation - and in the end they are liketo succeed, if only because the French and Germans will be mindful of the financial instability unleashed when Britain joined the ERM at an overvalued exchange rate.

There could however be several important implications of these arguments, particularly for Britain. The first is that Germany is unlikely to raise its interest rate towards the Italian or Spanish levels, thereby relieving upward pressure on the pound. The second is that membership of EMU will not be a panacea for an overvalued pound. If Britain ever decides to join EMU it will not be allowed to devalue the pound as part of this process. And that, in turn, suggests another of the bizarre ironies of the EMU endgame: that Britain's best bulwark against any temptation to join EMU could be an overly strong pound.

Collection "artists" for sale. Plus, in the curiousity corner, paintings by Stalin's great grandson, "executed" - an unfortunate choice of words whilst at Glasgow Art School". The pictures, that is, not the great grandson. aged to entice a single one.

Big business is cosying up fast to the new Government; the CBI conference in November will feature more ministers than most Labour Party gatherings. The CBI's rival looked, until yesterday, way out in the cold, so there was a tangible sense of relief at the IoD's plush Pall Mall HQ at the Roche presence.



Barbara Roche is the first Labour Minister since the

Marriage made in accountants' minds still shy of consent

ricket fans, lifting their eyes from the action at Lord's this summer, might have noticed that the accountants Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand have adjoining hos-pitality boxes in the Mound Stand. It would be nice to think that the talks which led to vesterday's announcement of the coming together of the two accounting giants, in what has the potential to be the world's largest accounting firm, started with a chat

over a balcony rail.

But the reality of the accountancy world is very different to the gentlemanly image partnership structures like to portray. The driving force for the merger was pressures deep within the US accounting scene, the most important of which is regulation.

The last time a mega merger was achieved in the accounting world - when Deloitte, Haskins & Sells came together with Touche Ross in 1989 — the main issue was that of the tough American anti-trust laws. That time the merger got through by the skin of its teeth. This time it is going to be difficult.

In the words of one member of the team, which has been working day and night on the legal aspects of the proposed Coopers & Water-house merger, "this could be the last time a merger like this is allowed". The American regulatory structure tolerated the last moves, which whittled down what had been a "big eight" of top accoun-

tancy firms to a "big six". At Coopers & Waterhouse they have calculated that the American authorities might tolerate one more merger, but would then stick with a "big five" as the smallest number of dominant firms that they would allow

This would make the proposed merger a master-stroke. Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand could merge and become the largest firm globally, in the US and in the UK. And the move would put a stop to any further mergers among their competitors, who would all be stuck, like flies in amber, unable to grow through merger ever again.

In the UK the regulatory issues are equally strong. Coopers, whose chairman is Peter Smith, is currently the second-biggest firm. Price Waterhouse is the fifth-biggest firm. But they also have a strong line in blue chip audit clients. The result of the merger in the UK would be that the firm would become

Robert Bruce

on what could prove to be

the last great merger within the profession

the biggest in the land, but it would also have half the audits of the companies in the FTSE 100.

Under the Conservative government the policy was that accountancy firms were one of the country's great success stories and growth, even when it neared the edge of the competition guidelines, was allowed. Under the gaze of Margaret Becken, President of the Board of Trade, the

story may be very different. Officials are holding their cards close to their chests at the moment and are not sure whether the merger would come under the aegis of the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) or, because of its size, be referred straight to Brussels.

The other American pressure driving this merger is market share. In America, Coopers and Price Waterhouse are the fifth and sixthbiggest firms. The pressure is always going to be greatest on the firms in the bottom slots to get together and so leapfrog their way to the top. And it is given added impetus when the firm you are knocking off the top is Arthur Andersen, long seen as the unchallengeable giant but now wrestling with a consultancy arm and an

audit and business assurance

loggerheads.
Meanwhile, the real work to pull off the merger now has to begin. Regulatory pressures from government agencies can seem to be the least of your problems when you are trying to persuade more than \$.500 around the world to vote for the proposals. The majority required, two thirds of all partners at Price Waterhouse in the UK, for

example, is tough to achieve. In particular, there must be worries about Price Waterhouse in the UK, where partners have a history of voting down merger propos-als. In 1984 they humiliated their own leadership by voting against a proposal to merge with Deloitte. In 1989 they failed to consummate a merger with Arthur Andersen.

This time around there are already rumours of partners reacting with fury when the story that broke the news in The Times was confirmed.

The final worry is how far the two businesses will suffer through management upheaval should the merger go through. Nick Land, senior partner of Ernst & Young, has argued that a lack of resources is the real problem facing the big accounting firms — there are simply not enough experienced partners, managers and specialists to go round.

Mergers always create uncertainty and when the market buoyant disaffected staff tend to head elsewhere. "Judging by the way that Coopers handled their last merger, we will fill our resource bucket," said Mr Land



Ian Brindle, left, of Waterhouse, and Peter Smith yesterday

Blind eye

ANOTHER former Cabinet member has found a new salary, sorry, job in the real world Anthony Nelson is joining Salomon Brothers as managing director of European investment banking. Nelson, 49, was a minister at the DTI and before that Economic Secretary to the Treasury. By going to the American securities house he has administered a bit of a one is exactly denying it. back-hander to his former employer, NM Rothschild, which he left in 1974 to go into politics. I am told he did not

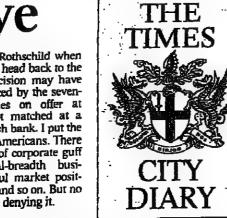


"Phew! for one awful second I thought you werk selling pensions!"

even talk to Rothschild when he decided to head back to the City. His decision may have been influenced by the sevenfigure salaries on offer at Salomon, not matched at a smaller British bank. I put the point to the Americans. There ensues a lot of corporate guff about global-breadth business, powerful market positions in Asia and so on. But no

☐ THIS is the sort of thing that gave Marie Antoinette a bad name. Luxury Briefing, a publication devoted to various items you and I don't need and can't afford, is presenting an award for the best British luxury company next week at Asprey, where else, at a party full of gossip column nonentities - Lulu Guinness, Mogens Tholstrup, the usual grim crew. The prize is "an unusual trophy in the form of a solid silver and silver gilt shopping bag". How very Eighties, darling. Conspicuous consumption is so passé.

Bank of art NEXT week also offers the first chance to see some of the

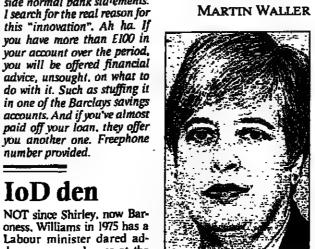


collection of modern British art built up by Barclays Bank, a project close to the heart of its chairman. Andrew Buxton. you have more than E100 in Most has been bought since 1991, on the basis of what he personally liked and what he thought Barclays staff would like. So the good news is that this is modern art as in people with paintbrushes applying paint onto canvas. Expect names such as Lowry and Sickert at the bank's loan exhibition at the Royal College of Art at Kensington Gore from next Wednesday. No pickled sharks, no pornographic photo-montages and nothing to do with Charles Saatchi

IoD den NOT since Shirley, now Baroness, Williams in 1975 has a Labour minister dared address company bosses at the The bad news is that there might be a bit of that else-Institute of Directors. And where at the RCA fair, which some might say she wasn't terhas work from several Saatchi ribly Labour. But yesterday,

number provided.

Barbara Roche, the Small Firms Minister, was there. Labour shadow ministers used to turn up regularly before the election to speak at the Institute. But since they took power on May I, the fiercely free-market IoD has not man-



election to go to the IoD



Sun Life reveals £48m cost of merger

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

SUN LIFE & PROVINCIAL which merged with AXA Equity & Law two months ago to form the third-largest group in the UK life and pensions market, unveiled a 17 per cent rise in operating profit

yesterday. Sun Life expects annual cost savings of £37 million in three years' time but reckons most of the benefits of the merger will materialise next year. The cost of bringing the two companies together in July is expected to total £48 million. most of which will be included in the full-year accounts.

The group gave no further information about the face of New Ireland, in which it has a

Profits beat expectations at Nestlé

SHARES in Nestlé, the world's biggest food company, rose SFr100 (£42) to SFrl.960 after the company reported a rise in net profits from SFri.347 billion to SFrl.89 billion. Analysts had expected a

rise of haif that amount. Nestle predicted that for the full year, sales would grow 15 per cent and the rise in net profit would at least match the growth in sales. Nestle had aiready reported a rise in first-half sales to SFr33.5 billion. from SFr28.4 billion.

The company said first-half results "clearly benefited" from the appreciation of most currencies against the Swiss franc. It added that the significant improvement "Is in large measure also a conse-quence of the efforts and investments aimed at improving the group's competitiveness"

majority stake, but reiterated a statement it made to the Dublin stock market on Friday that it was talking to interested parties who had made approaches.

Under Irish stock exchange laws Sun Life must offer at least 25 per cent of its shares as a free float to maintain an Irish listing.

The insurer revealed Equity & Law had set aside a £32 million provision to compensate victims of personal pensions mis-selling.

The company has just over 1,000 priority cases and said it is "confident" that it will have sorted out 90 per cent of these ahead of the deadline set by the Personal Investment Authority at the end of the year.

Mark Wood, chief executive said the merger, which created a company ranked number three in size behind Prudential and Standard Life, would not create the need for large redundancies.

The Marquess of Douro. chairman, said he was "cautiously optimistic" about prospects for the second half of the year, after some changes to the way Sun Life products were priced and sold.

The company has just reopened discussions with the Department of Trade & Industry in the hope of releasing some of the surplus "orphan" asssets from Equity & Law's life fund.

Britannic, a fellow insurer, earlier this week paid an enhanced dividend to shareholders after the release of El billion of assets from its orphan funds.

COMPETITION among Brit-

ain's supermarkets will be

fierce for the rest of this year in

the areas of price, services and

shopping hours, according to

the chairman of William Mor-

rison, the supermarket group

"I think it's going to be a tough scene and, whilst people

appear to be spending a little more money, I think we've got to expect to be tightening our belts a little bit and looking for

based in Yorkshire.

Mr Wood said any proceeds from orphan assets would be paid out "over 30 years or so". For the six months to June 30, operating profit rose to E121.4 million (1996: E103.6 million). Sun Life is paying a slightly larger than expected dividend of 3.8p per share. The company's shares rose 8 p to 419p yesterday.



The strip worn by Leeds United was at the centre of complaints about kit price-fixing

economies in operations," said

The company turned in an

11.8 per cent rise in first-half

pre-tax profits to £61.7 million

and said sales in the first six

weeks of the second half were

up 3.4 per cent, compared with

Mr Morrison said that food

prices should remain flat or

slightly lower during the sec-

The company will be con-

1.3 per cent in the first half.

Ken Morrison, chairman.

Morrison set to tighten belt

By Sarah Cunningham, retall correspondent

centrating on its large-format

unit with a "Market Street"

theme, which aims to recreate

the atmosphere of a busy

street market. Four new stores

are set to open in the second

The company said that the link-up with Midland Bank to

provide banking facilities in

stores had boosted customer

numbers and increased "the

satisfaction of the people who

to shed about 4,700 jobs in

Asia, Europe and North

America. The company also

plans to increase efficiencies in

its European operations through product consolidations and facility closings,

while seeking strategic alli-ances or other alternatives for

In connection with these changes, the company expects

a pre-tax charge of about \$350

million in the third quarter. In

addition, Whirlpool is to acquire a controlling interest in

Brasmotor, its Latin American

Whirlpool also said that it

would sell the inventory and

some other assets of its Whirl-

pool Financial Corp unit.

which is expected to have a pos-

itive impact of about 53 cents.

The job cuts, facility closures

and product consolidations in

affiliate, for \$217 million.

two Chinese joint ventures.

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half, taking the total to 86.

OFT kicks kit suppliers' price-fixing into touch

By Chilis Avres

TWO leading players in Brit-ain's £200 million replica football shirt industry were forced by the Office of Fair Trading to promise to end illegal price-fixing.

Puma and Asics, the current

and former sponsors of Leeds United, the Premiership team, admitted they had been forcing retailers to stop discounting replica team strips by threateng to cut off supplie Sportswear manufacturers

 notably Umbro, sponsors of Manchester United — have also come under fire for boosting their sales by changing the design of team strips on an overly regular basis.

It emerged yesterday that several other sportswear manufacturers, including Ellesse, have also given assurances to the OFT that they will not

attempt to maintain artificially high prices. The OFT campaign against price-fixing started this year after a Leeds retailer claimed that he had been blacklisted by suppliers for selling Leeds United shirts at a discount

Philip Warrington, 41, who owns two sportswear shops with a turnover of more than El million, said; They basically told me to put my price up or kiss goodbye to my supply."

Mr Warrington sells Leeds

United shirts, which usually cost between £35 and £40, at £25. Every year he sells about 1,000 Leeds shirts.

John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading, said: The results of the

William Morrison linked up

with Midland, part of HSBC Holdings, in March to follow

a trend among supermarkets to add financial services to

their business. The company

has four units operating cur-

rently and plans to open another five this year.

The company will pay an interim dividend of 0.4p (0.325p), on November 10. Its shares rose 94p yesterday to

annual savings of about \$180 million (£112 million), when

fully implemented in 2000. The sale of some aspects of

Whirlpool Financial Corp unit

to Transamerica Corp, and

the sale of most of the unit's

aerospace business to an un-

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

French Connection continues expansion

FRENCH CONNECTION, the fashion chain, is planning an aggressive expansion programme in spite of its chairman's prediction that there will soon be a tightening up" of the British retail market. The company, which was recently forced to tone down a controversial £1 million advertising campaign, plans to expand and move several of advertising campaign, plans to expand and move several of its existing stores and open five others, including two in the US and one in Newcastle. David Bernstein, French Connection's chairman, said: "I would say the market is tightening, but our position in that market will not be affected. We will see a lot of casualties in the near future because companies do not realise how discerning customers are becoming."

French Connection reported an SI per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £1.7 million to £3.1 million in the six months ended July 31. on turnover of £42 million, up 14 per cent from £37 million. Earnings per share more than doubled, from 4p to 9.7p, and an interim dividend of 0.75p, compared with 0.5p, will be paid on October 30.

Canning price falls

SHARES in W Canning, the speciality chemicals group, fell from 261p to 252½ p despite a rise in pre-tax profits from £4.4 million to £4.6 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings per share rose from 9.9p to 10.5p, out of which the dividend rises from 3.4p to 3.7p. David Probert, the chairman, said first-half progress was satisfactory. He added that exchangerate movement masked what could have been an 11.1 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, compared with the 4.1 per cent actual

Servisair drops

SERVISAIR, the ground handling group, saw its shares fall from 365½ p to 332½ p after reporting pre-tax profits down from £926,000 to £102,000 in the six months to June 30 on sales up from £69.7 million to £73.6 million. The company said that the first six months' trading are not indicative of the full year because of the peak weighting of trading in the summer months. Analysts blamed withdrawal of several operators from Gatwick and pressure on charge rates. The half-year dividend rises 6 per cent to 1.75p a share. There is a loss per share of 0.1p (1.6p).

Tibbett & Britten ahead

TIBBETT & BRITTEN, the international logistics and supply chain management group, saw pre-tax profits rise 9 per cent to £11.6 million (£10.6 million) in the six months to June 28. Turnover surged 23 per cent to £417.1 million. Almost 90 per cent of the increased turnover was the result of newly won contracts in addition to a high level of contract renewals in the UK and North America. Earnings per share were up 7.5 per cent to 17.1p (15.9p). An interim dividend of 5.5p (5.2p) is due to be paid on November 12.

British Borneo up 10%

BRITISH Borneo Petroleum Syndicate, the oil exploration company, intends to increase its search for new opportunities outside its two core areas of the Gulf of Mexico and the North Sea. The new focus comes as British Borneo steps up its investment in deep water projects with £500 million of capital expenditure budgeted over the next four years. A delayed start to production for the Durward and Dauntless oilfields in the North Sea left profits after tax up just 10 per cent to £8.9 million. Earnings rose slightly to 4.5p; the dividend is unchanged at 1p.

Names signed up

GREENWICH INSURANCE Holdings, promo biggest of the Lloyd's conversion schemes, aimed at enabling names to underwrite with limited liability, has signed up 120 names, representing about £50 million in capacity. The scheme has gone unconditional, but remains open to acceptances until October 3. Another conversion scheme, backed by Stace Barr Angerstein, has attracted at least £33 million from 90 names, and remains open to applicants until September 26.

Rail report delayed

THE Government has agreed to an extension of the time allowed for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to report on the acquisition by National Express of the Scotrail and Central Trains rail franchises. The Department of Trade and Industry said: "After representations from the MMC that detailed and time-consuming route-by-route analysis of numerous overlaps between rail and coach services has been entailed in both inquiries, the Trade Secretary has concluded that the reporting period should in both instances be extended to October 3, 1997."

Fired up at Fired Earth

FIRED EARTH, the ceramics, floor-coverings and fabrics group, raised pre-tax profits from £254,000 to £523,000 in the six months to June 30 on sales up from £3.5 million to £5 million. The interim dividend rises from 1.1p to 1.2p out of earnings up from 3.0p to 6.2p. The company says that the second half has started well, and the shares rose 21/2p to 266'2p in response. Nicholas Kneale, chairman, added that Fire Earth expected to have 27 showrooms by the start of 1998, marking "a 50 per cent increase in outlets during 1997".

MEPT buyback plan

MERCURY ASSET MANAGEMENT is embarking on a second bid to boost the share price of its flagship European Privatisation Trust with a proposal to buy back up to 15 per cent of the fund's shares. Despite purchasing 67.3 million MEPT shares since January 1996 MAM has seen shares in the £930 million trust stick stubbornly at a 13 per cent discount to net asset value. However, it is now at a par with most other investment trusts, whose discounts have widenened in the same period.

Share split planned by Tilbury

TILBURY DOUGLAS, the building and construction group, raised pre-tax profits from £8 million to £9.2 million in the six months to June 30 and now plans a share split

(George Sivell writes). Earnings per share rose from 16.5p to 18.1p and the half-year dividend was up to 7.5p (7p). Sales rose 4 per cent to £241 million. Mike Bottjer. chairman, said all the compa-ny's core businesses had achieved double-digit growth in pre-tax profits, operating profits and in earnings per share since 1993.

The performance during the first six months, coupled with encouraging prospects made him confident about growth in the second half and beyond. Tilbury's directors are pro-

posing a share split on the basis of five new shares of IOp for every two existing shares of 25p. An extraordinary meeting will be held on October 31 to consider the proposal. The shares rose 2½ p to 590p

in response.

Ultraframe float to benefit staff

Ultraframe will share about £10 million from the stock market flotation of the conservatory roof company.

staff own 10 per cent of the shares. Around 80 per cent is owned by the family of John Lancaster, the founder and vice-chairman. A 35 per cent holding is to be sold in the flotation: 45 per cent will be held for at least two years. Ultraframe yesterday issued

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The company is expected to be valued at £100 million and

the pathfinder, listing particulars for its proposed flotation, which will be via a placing of existing ordinary shares. It is expected that full details of the placing will be announced next month. For the 44 weeks to August I, 1997, Ultraframe made pre-tax profit before exceptional costs of £9.78 million on turnover of £44.02 million. It estimates pre-tax profit before exceptional costs of not less than £12.75 million in the year to September 26, up 67 per cent on the previous year.

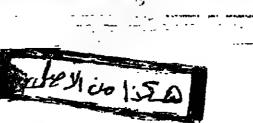
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This is becoming a bad month for conductors. Sir Georg Solti died a fortnight ago. Now comes word that Klaus Tennstedt is gravely ill. Tennstedt didn't shake the musical firmament as Solti did. His time at the up was tragically short; his re-cordings relatively few. But for a glorious spell in the 1980s he gave London the most life-affirming concerts I ever expect to hear.

Both his career and his health were battered by innumerable blows of malign fate. Yet time and again he triumphed over adversity, and all his performances proclaimed the scars of his struggle. That was the essence of their terrible, compelling glory. I doubt whether I shall ever encounter another conductor so capable of embodying both the frailty of man and the greatness of mankind. To journey with Tennstedt through Mahler or Beethoven - the turbulent souls with whom he most closely identified — was to pene-trate the heart of darkness, and to emerge as if reborn. He took amazing risks that often

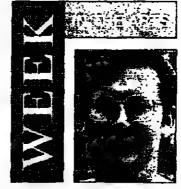
A show of courage on the podium didn't work. He could be infuriatingly negligent about such munattitude to life". Tennstedt's "big

dane matters as keeping the orchestra together. And his interpretations were prone to colossal exaggerations of speed and dynamics; Lenny Bernstein was a figure of monastic restraint by comparison. Neurosis in Disneyland," I whined on these pages in 1986, having staggered away from a Tennstedt performance that distressed my delicate sensibilities. Today I wish that I could eat those words. What would I give, what would any music lover give, to have Tennstedt back in the Festival Hall? God knows, there has

been nothing like him since. He told me that the secret of conducting was to reveal "the big line, the line that draws together all the thousands of tiny details". Was he speaking in purely musical terms? I think not. When Elgar was asked what his First Sympholine" was an attitude to life as well,

It was some life. He could have been a top-class violinist, but a growth between the knuckles of his fingering hand put an end to that, even before he had finished his studies in postwar Leipzig. One dream shattered, he picked himself up, switched to conducting -and promptly sank into 20 years of obscurity in the grey ranks of East Germany's state music system.

Not until he and his wife Inge fled to the West in 1971 did he achieve international fame: a stupendous debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1974 was the turning-point. By then he was nearly 50. If a Tennstedt performance sounded like a man desperately trying to compress a lifetime into a few minutes, that is exactly what it was.



more, of triumph. Fortunately for us, Tennstedt developed a rapport with the London Philharmonic, and became its principal conduc-tor in 1980. He was endearingly bigoted. He dismissed all periodinstrument performers as "ganghe believed that "Mahler was the last genius". Mahler, of course, died in 1911.

Consequently, Tennstedt's repertoire never grew much. Mahler, Bruckner, Strauss, Brahms and Wagner: they were his meat and drink. But what feasts he made of them. Those who longed to return to the days when conductors flaunted their pride and prejudice flocked to Tennstedt's concerts. Those who didn't (me included) came to scoff and stayed to cheer.

But then disaster struck. Tennstedt smoked. No. that's a small understatement. Ten cigarettes an hour was his going rate. In 1985 throat cancer was diagnosed. Six operations followed. Somehow he found the courage to make extraordinary comebacks. All the fear and despair he felt in those dark days

wonder his tempos went wild. To say that he conducted each of those concerts as if believing it would be his last is the literal truth.

Ten years ago, on a bright August day, the last act of Tennstedt's tragedy began. It happened in Watford Town Hall, of all incongruous places. He was rehearsing the London Philharmonic for a Prom, when he collapsed.

There had been too many cancellations already that year. Tennstedt loved the LPO as he loved no other orchestra, and (in that professional musicians have favourable feelings for any con-ductor) the LPO loved him. But the music business is a business. The show must go on, and an orchestral show needs a conductor fit enough to hold a stick. Tennstedt. acutely aware of all this, resigned within the hour.

It wasn't quite the end of his

career. I remember a heavenstorming performance of Mahler's Resurrection Symphony in 1989, if only because I was unable to sleep for two days afterwards. But it was a doleful portent of a fading life.

What chiefly endeared Tennstedt to audiences and players alike, I believe, was his humility-He was never arrogant, as conductors customarily are. He never lorded it over orchestras. Significantly, he was the first German ever to be invited to conduct the Israel Philharmonic, and in 1988 that orchestra planted 36 trees in his honour - a Hebrew custom wishing the donor a long life.

Perhaps the trees have had some effect. But now it seems that, as in Mahler's Sixth Symphony, the hammerblows of fate have finally exhausted even this resilient spirit. once asked Tennstedt about his hobby: hot-air ballooning, preferably 2,000ft above the Rockies. What was the big attraction of this dangerous pursuit? "Ah," he replied. "it is the only place to search for complete peace." I hope he finds that peace.

THEATRE: A tame new musical premiered at the Donmar; a cult novel artily staged at the Lyric, Hammersmith

Overdose of sugar impairs seduction

she is the actress performing opposite him in a romantic play, and all is not well with their marriage. He thinks she is weary of him and may be about to take a lover. She seems to justify his lears when she declares that "we play the love scenes by numbers and have cold suppers afterwards".

So he devises a stratagem to check her fidelity. He filts her dressing room with bunches of red roses, and, camouflaged as the Guards officer who supposedly sent them, sets about seducing her.

Such is the plot which the Hungarian dramatist, Ference Molnár, concocted in 1910 and which two young North Americans have now transformed into a small-scale musical. It makes for a most pleasant. diverting evening, but not for anything much more. I cannot accuse the creative chefs at the Donmar of putting too much sugar into Molnar's bittersweet mix, but they could certainly have been more lavish with the angostura and

Perhaps Moinar exaggerated when he described the play as "perfectly agonising", but there is no doubting the tangled poignancy of the situa-



tion. Mistrust and jealousy torment the disguised Actor, as he is bluntly called, to the point where he wants to challenge himself to a duel.

And the denouement is, or should be, decidedly ambiguous. Maybe the Actress has seen through his plumed and braided persona from the start and has gone along with the pretence; maybe not. Maybe she is like the wife in Pinter's Lover, and hankers for a husband with a bit of danger and sex-athleticism in him.

But nobody at the Donmar quite rises to the emotional occasion, Janie Dee produces moments of yearning, even of mild erotic hunger, but it is hard to see her either as a woman with seven previous lovers' names scratched on her whose Camille has been compared with Bernhardt's. She is too much the gamin, the demure English rose, too little the louche sophisticate or the domineering actress. As for Alexander Hanson's Actor, he is effective enough when it comes to blubbing or boasting

(try as he may, he cannot stop his fake Guardsman praising his Hamlet) but he could do more to acknowledge the tortuous weirdness of his predicament.

But what else should one expect of a musical, or at least a musical not by Stephen Sondheim? Well, Jeremy Sams, who directs, might have done more to evoke mid-European café society. A tiny phalanx of theatre people wistful dresser, comically gay wigmaker, etc - beavering and gossiping amid grey crates and other backstage debris is hardly atmospheric enough. Again, the composer and lyricist, Craig Bohmler and Marion Adler, might have opted for a jaded period feel instead of the indiscriminately sprightly one they actually give us.

That sort of knowing unease is provided by Nicky Henson, playing a Molnár surrogate who encourages and observes his married friends' extramarital liaison; but too seldom, too fitfully. This is an evening for those in search of gentle, civilised fun. Those with darker tastes should wait for some enterprising soul to revive the original play.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Surreal sadism is not for beginners

hy bother with the stuffed, the pickled and the painted at the Royal Academy when you can have a live Sensation in the comfort of your own stall seat, courtesy of lain Banks's gamey cult novel, The Wasp Factory? Here a young boy, Frank, played by three actors in combat fatigues (Daniel Ilsley, Janine Wood and Harry Capehorn), runs wild on a Scottish island, catapulting rabbits, dismembering birds.

His is a world of sadistic fantasies. Dad interferes with Frank's food and keeps a cellar full of explosive cordite. Older brother Eric has escaped from a lunatic asylum and is bearing down on the island, torturing and torching dogs in his wake. Mum did a runner

years ago. In flashbacks we learn why the relatives aren't much nicer. By the time Frank is in his mid-teens he has murdered three of them. "It was just a stage I was going through," his older self comments drily. Nevertheless he is a model of sanity beside the schizophrenia that afflicts his family.

The director Malcolm Sutherland has been unhealthily hung up on this brutal piece since he premiered it at the Glasgow Citz five years ago. The current incarnation is a stiller, more self-consciously theatrical piece. But Suther land's stark production still strikes me as illustrated entirely for people who have read the novel. If you haven't a sense of the book, this will leave you floundering. It is like an arthouse Frankenstein

movie directed by the monster. Why do Frank's several

The Wasp Factory : Lyric, Hammersmith:

pretentious Gothic meal of his life? Cutting open and then dynamiting a large fake fluffy rabbit does little to capture the book's grainy reality or Frank's peculiar tragedy. The more the actors play up the symbolism, the more they look like cogs in a machine.

Panic takes the place of character development as Eric's increasingly frenzied phone calls signal his immi-nent arrival. Panic, too, in the stalls as we desperately try to find someone on whom one can pin an ounce of empathy.

The play reaches its graphic conclusion with a series of set pieces, extracted from the novel and blown up like black and white war photographs. It doesn't take an accountant to work out that it's not for their plot value. On the plus side, they are beautifully framed by Sutherland, Perhaps they should start issuing catalogues rather than programmes at the box office.

The only figure to keep it together is David Gant's longhaired Glaswegian father. Sounding uncannily like a Connolly, Gant's father leans against a pillar of cigarette smoke, dispensing the family horror stories with a comedian's sense of timing and a madman's cackle. Who said modern art doesn't have a sense of humour?

> **JAMES** CHRISTOPHER

Writers go for gold in Athens

full orchestra played, two enormous choruses A sang. The Athens Concert Hall was packed with bigwigs, starting with the Greek Prime Minister and the Greek President, who proceeded to hand a prize of \$250,000 to one playwright, \$200,000 to a second, and a total of \$250,000 to five others.

No, this is not one of those daydreams that failed writers have while they starve in artics. It really happened earlier this week. While the city was still digesting the news that it will stage the Olympics proper in 2004, Athens was presenting a "cultural Olympi-ad", so-called, in which the competitors had been asked to pen plays focusing on the problems facing Man on the threshold of the 21st century". Since the sponsor was the

Onassis Foundation, it was clear the winners would not end up with crystal goblets with pictures of Epidaurus etched on them. They would certainly fare better than Sophocles and Euripides, for whom mere honour was enough 2,400 years ago. But one had expected the big bucks to go to Eduard Shevard-nadze, Steven Runciman and the other eminent figures the foundation was honouring at the same ceremony.

Yet no sooner had a representative of the International Maritime Organisation delivered a thank-you speech than up stepped Manjula Padmanabhan, followed by Anton Juan, Nagle Jackson and four others of whom I, for one, had not heard. Never can dramatists have received prizes remotely as lavish. Never has so much gone to dramatists so

A bloated fiasco, then, or a case of misdirected largesse? No: but I must admit some such fear passed through my mind before I read the winning play. None of the dramaBenedict Nightingale reports on a

'cultural Olympiad' that offered vast prizes to unknown dramatists

tists and dramaturgs I asked in England — not even David Edgar, whose playwriting course at Birmingham University fosters loads of new work — had heard of the cultural Olympiad. Moreover. there was (and remains) no guarantee that any of the successful plays would actually be performed. The Onassis people seemed in danger of paying \$700,000 for a lot of portentous millennial scrib-

bles posing as drama. Doubtless there were some such scribbles among the 1,460 plays from 76 nations that landed on the judges' tables. The three winners all wrote about a world perilously divided between haves and have-nots; but I cannot say I was impressed by Jackson's Elevation of Thieves. The author, an American, heavy-handedly spoofs a fuddyduddy European city whose leaders are less than delighted at the idea of a poor Muslim immigrant participating in their annual crucifixion ritual. The Hungerford-type massacre that ends the proceedings seemed inadequately motivated and reinforced my feeling that this was merely a piece of liberal breast-beating.

That is not an accusation. though, that can be directed at the other winners. Tuko! Tuko!, by the Filipino Anton. brings legends, ghosts and puppets into the dramatic equation, and will be tough to stage. But it merits a showing. not least because of the protagonist's burning rage at Japan's



Manjula Padmanabhan: won \$250,000 for Harvest, a play projecting a nightmare vision of India in 2010

exploitation of his country's women, both now and during the war. But Padmanabhan's Harvest is still harder-hitting. involving as it does a trade all too likely to increase as the West gets more spoilt and the Third World more desperate.

Padmanabhan, an Indian illustrator and writer little performed in her own country. postulates a Bombay where unemployment is almost universal and street gangs feed on dead derelicts. The only way for a respectable man to ensure that life in a crammed tenement becomes bearable is to make his organs available on demand to a svelte American who intermittently appears on a television module purring out her appreciation California-speak but getting hysterical when her putative donor so much as sneezes. Colds have been eradicated in her own Eden.

The play is set in 2010 and made me realise how seldom drama ventures into sci-fi. But most of the technology it evokes already seems feasible and the social trends it describes are perfectly probable. You certainly cannot dismiss Padmanabhan as paranoid, given the subtlety and dark humour she brings to what is, at root, essentially a warning tale about a modern travesty of Buddhist or Hindu reincarnation.

In spite of everything the Onassis Foundation has uncovered a dramatist worth international production. So pleased are its officers with their achievements that they hope soon to expand their cultural Olympiad into music, sculpture and the other arts — and to hold another contest for dramatists in 2001. With another half-million or so bucks on offer, I wouldn't be surprised if Molière and Sheridan, Marlowe and O'Neill, rose from their graves to

f only Joe Orton could have written a play about his own violent death, what a fabulous, funny tale he would have woven. Orion tended to be chronological, but perhaps on this occasion he would have started with the driver arriving at his home to take him to a film studio, only to find the playwright murdered and his lover also dead.

That was 30 years ago last month, an anniversary that is sufficient excuse for Radio 3 to be putning out new productions of two of his works: Loot last Sunday and Up Against It this coming Sunday (7.30pm). Neither has been done on the radio before. Loot is of course a stage play, whereas Up Against It was written as a

film script for the Beatles.

Orton was such a figure of the 1960s and its ultra-Modernism that one almost forgets that he wrote farces, though they might now be called black comedies. Loot was certainly black and just as certainly comedic, indeed one was thankful for this reminder of how funny Orton could be.

Ortons by the pair

RADIO

Loot concerns the death of a woman and the thieving activities of her son and how the proceeds of a robbery by the latter come to be in the coffin of the former. Is that all? Heavens no. There is also a crooked copper posing as a man from the water board, a sub-Kafka figure who is frightening and foolish by turns.

Nor is that all, either. The dead woman's nurse, a woman with an eye on the widower's cash, turns out to be an habitual murderer whose impressive previous record includes six (or is it seven?) husbands, all mysteriously rendered in the past tense (as an Orton

character might have put it.

All of which, dever plot-making though it is, amounts only to a series of bows from which Orton fires arrows at favoured subjects: women, religion, authority, manners, hypocrisy, duplicity. He uses all the available voices to do so, with the result that by the end of Loot you hardly

know whom to like least. But did this work on the radio? After all. there is much visual fun in the shunting around of the body, especially the attempts late in the play to pass it off as a tailor's dummy. Hard to convey through the ether, but director Lindsay Posner pulled it off in splendid style, and the acting was first rate. Loot and Up Against It are the sort of 90-minute dramas that will soon be too long, apparently, for Radio 4, a network now proposing to sell drama as if it was curtain material. Still, Radio 3 will have no complaints.

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Season of Sundays worth the wait

Why did Harriet Wheeler and David Gavurin take five years to come up with their new album? 'Dunno,' they chorus

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he Sundays take five years to record an album, and they have absolutely no excuse as to why this should be. One of those Couples in Rock - like Abba, the Mamas and the Papas or various conjunctions of Fleetwood Mac - David Gavurin and Harriet Wheeler launch into their fifth pint of the evening and run through all the possibilities

"Decorating? Nah, it can't be that. Our house is a mess." Wheeler muses. "We painted the bathroom red in 1994, but that only took an afternoon.

"We built our studio." Gavurin offers. "That took a while. What was our

chosen method of soundproofing? Oh, it's not egg boxes, I dunno who started the myth that egg boxes sound proof places. Maybe it's because acoustic tiles look like egg boxes, and some gullible literalist made a fragile connection. No. we use mattresses for our soundproofing, which makes it tricky when guests come to stay. Then we

"That's why it took so long," Wheeler leaps on the excuse. "We also had a baby," she adds. "That took nine months or so."

So where is said rock noted child tonight? "Oh, home alone," Gavurin says, straight-faced. They've got to learn sometime. Apparently, 50 per cent of 999 calls are made by children, so the chances are she'll know what to do if things go wrong. She knows where the grill pan is. She knows where the fish fingers are."

"She was so sweet when she was tiny!" Wheeler goes into motherly mode. "You could hold her in the palm of your hand, but she'd usually fall off. Now she's obsessed with Liverpool FC. We have to play this game where she's Robbie Fowler. Sometimes she's Steve McManaman, but it's usually Robbie.

The emergency services are going to be very perplexed when Robbie Fowler rings up, disguising his voice as a two-year-old child. and tells them the house is on fire," Gavurin sighs. "Maybe we should have shelled out extra for a babysitter tonight."

There are five things that people know about the Sundays. Two of

these facts have already been mentioned: their coupleness and their album procrastination. The third has become clear - they can carry a jolly jape concerning their responsibility as parents. The fourth is that Wheeler's hair has remained exactly the same since 1988 — when they first burst ("Apologetically shuffled," Gavurin corrects) on to the scene with Can't Be Sure, which topped John Peel's Festive 50 Christmas chart, and sounded the "Hallo" for their debut album, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. It's a cottage-loaf kind of tonsorial affair, a bouffant, large granary swell topped by a smaller

follicular croissant. Joe, a member of the underrated bliss merchants Butterfly Child, once lived opposite their house, and ran a betting version of I Spy, wherein guests could take up binoculars and attempt to spot Wheeler with her hair down. The game finished six months later, with Wheeler's hair still firmly stapled atop

her head "That was another reason why the album took so long," Gavurin sighs. "Harriet just couldn't decide whether to go up or down with the change, but she bottled it at the last

his leads us on to the lifth and final Sundays Fact that they always sound the same. Half of this could be down to Wheeler's voice; a delirious elastic carolling sound, not unlike a tipsy lark spiralling nestward after a very good evening. The other half of this could be down to Gavurin's guitar-playing: sunrise acoustics setting up dizzy mantras before expanding into burnished chrome arcs for the chorus.

These two things together, however, sound impossibly out of time and idyllic, like Laurie Lee's village folk trying to guess what music might sound like in a rurally Litopian 2002.

The only thing that changes are the seasons the Sundays evoke: the debut Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, with its fidgety time signatures and honeyed insouciant joy, was a pollen-drunk summer; ider With Rosle in the hay. The follow-up, 1992's Blind, was auturnn-born: Monet-purple skies



Harriet Wheeler, the woman with the fresh-baked hair, and David Gavurin - the Sundays to their friends - reflect on Static and Silence

filled with spinning gold and red leaves. The guitars often became painfully bright, like the frost-glare on frozen roads. There is the feeling that, although things are becoming thrillingly epic and bracing, everything will be swept away.

Static and Silence, the Sundays' new album, is winter: stripped and hushed, yet still full of hearth-like warmth and beauty. The acoustics have changed, as they do in winter: sometimes small and delicate. like gardens full of snow; at others,

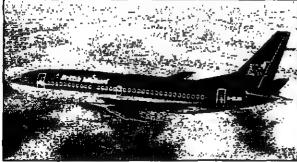
lakes. It often echoes the intimacy of a heart slowly breaking.

"Ah well, my father got ill and died within a year," Wheeler explains. "It was the oddest thing." For the first time in the three hours we have spent together, the

there any more!" Wheeler still looks startled recalling it. "You know? I couldn't find him anywhere. That's probably why this album is wintersad and simple." Static and Silence is released on

words, "It was like: 'Oh! You're not

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Sorry, dancing's off, love

There can be no better indication of dance music's move from the underground into the alternative territory once occupied by Britpop bands than the line-up at the Camden Crawl on Wednesday. The annual event, which took place in six separate venues and stretched from 6pm until after midnight, started three years ago as a showcase for new talent with a bill dominated by indie

were by electronic outlits. At least, that was the plan. If organisers were aware of the renowned unreliability of dance bands, they made no contingency plans. Before the Crawl even began, big beat favourites Dub Pistols pulled out of their end-of-evening slot

guitar acts. This year, how-

ever, more than half of the gigs

at the Underworld club. Up Carnden High Street, the Dingwalls venue fared even worse. Of the four acts scheduled to appear, only the pair with guitar players (Warm Jets and Snow Patrol) bothered to turn up. Headliners Headrillaz at least had the courtesy to cancel in advance. The techno-driven Hardknox simply didn't show.

In an ill-advised attempt to step up the scale of the Camden Crawl, this year the 2,000-capacity Forum was added to the agenda of venues. With ticket sales significantly down on 1996's event (only 2.500 or so people were thought to have bought the £15 wristbands required to get into all six venues throughout the evening), the cavernous Fo-rum looked ominously empty, even for the Swedish headline band The Wannadies.

did not help that the Forum is more than a mile away from the centre of Camden. In the past, the bustle of people rushing be-tween shows added intimacy and a sense of excitement. This time, waiting for the free bus that shuttled at no fixed time from venue to venue was more

Nevertheless, the Camden Crawl did have its highlights. Lo-Fidelity Allstars — a cross between the Chemical Brothers and Shaun Ryder's old band Happy Mondays — ig-nored a pitiful turnout for their Forum show to fire rhythmic missiles, like their lastest single. Disco Machine boys trying desperately to look

Lisa Verrico

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fruitless hunt for a good bop

on the 1997 Camden Crawl

as studiedly cool as the band's Liam Gallagher-like singer. When in Camden, the Lo-Fi usually play the Monarch pub. where their deafening punk-enthused big beats go down a storm. Perhaps they should have exchanged Crawl venues with American singer Tanya Donelly, whose show to promote her recently re-leased debut solo album. Lovesongs for Underdogs, took place in the Monarch's tiny upstairs room.

Donelly sold more than two million albums with her previous band, Belly, Inevitably, scores of fans of that band eager to hear the singer's fuzzy, upbeat guitar pop stood in a queue outside for most of the set.

Camden Crawl wound up at the Electric Ballroom, where Echo and the Bunnymen turned out to be the evening's secret special guest. Their competent set consisted mainly of 1980s hits such as The Cutter and The Killing Moon. As the bulk of the evening's acts prepared to travel to Manchester and Glasgow for secondary stages of the event, the words "Don't walk before you can craw!" were on every-

Smooth fusion at the factory

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factory on the outskirts of Birmingham best viewed from the M6. is perhaps an unusual source of musical inspiration, especially given songwriters customary unwillingness to celebrate English place names in their art. But as Birmingham-born saxophonist Theo Travis demonstrated, in the right hands it is capable of playing the muse whatever its appearance.

Taking the sounds of a working factory as his starting point, he has constructed a vigorous, hard-swinging jazz vehicle from a relatively simple, driving theme.

The result - initially commissioned as part of the Broad Street Changes suite by West Midlands Arts — provided him with the perfect opener for his week-long residency at Ronnie Scott's, where he is playing opposite singer Irene

Sparked initially by drum-

LIVE JAZZ Theo Travis Ronnie Scott's.

mer Marc Parnell's brisk snare-drum tattoo, the tune began as a strident tenor anthem, but swiftly evolved into a beguiling, intensely melodic lope, providing the platform for some muscular but rhapsodic improvising from Travis over Dave Gordon's sparkling piano and Rob Statham's tight, singing electric bass.

The fact that Travis employs this latter instrument rather than the upright acoustic version has led to his being described as a "fusion saxophonist".

His slow-building cloquence on the quartet's second selection. Chick Corea's Sea Journey, which climaxed in an eloquent display of windily verbose passion, did indeed betray the influence of fusion tenor maestro Michael Brecker.

Travis's roots, however, are just as firmly set in acoustic, subtly swinging jazz, and he proved it first with a touchingly reverent soprano/piano duo version of the standard My Foolish Heart, then with an almost Stan Getz-smooth version of his own gently wafting Lulworth Night, the opening track of his latest album, Secret Island.

The same album provided the quartet's blustering set closer. The Crow Road, inspired by the lain Banks

But the highlight of their performance was provided by the bustling, smartly percussive Friday Night at the Cadillac Club, which show-cased Parnell's briskly assertive but supple drumming, a vital ingredient of the band's robust yet tasteful overall sound.

For the past two years гиплing, Theo Travis has been nominated in the British Jazz Awards' Rising Star category; to judge by this perfor-mance, his ascension is all but complete.

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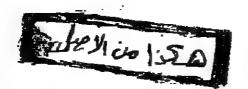
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Depression moving in from Iceland

POP ALBUMS: Winter has Björk's heart in its grip, and harder men than David Sinclair would be saddened

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Homogenic One Little Indian TPLP71 E13.99)

SHE comes from the land of the ice and snow, a place where there is space and great beauty but also emptiness and, at times, a chilling sense of desolation. And, while you can take Björk out of Iceland, it seems you cannot take Iceland out of Björk's music.

Her new album, Homogenic. is a fusion of futuristic electronic rhythm tracks and neo-chamber string arrangements, provided by the Icelandie String Octet. There are moments of high drama. "Excuse me, but I just have to explode," she announces in Pluto, her ultra-compressed voice cavorting over layers of radiostatic sound effects and a frantic techno beat.

But whereas in the past Björk's tendency towards introspection, both musically and in her lyrics, was leavened by the sheer exuberance of her performance, here she seems to have suppressed her pop instincts, allowing a sense of coldness and isolation to exert an unusually vice-like grip on the heart of songs such as the ethereal Unravel and the stark All Neon Like.

"I thought I could organise freedom/How Scandinavian of me," she sings in Hunter, the strings sawing away dolorously all around while a

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beat rattles away in doubletime at the back.

As frosty as Stina Nordenstam and as earnest as Elvis Costello during his Brodsky Quartet phase, Homogenic is an album that will ultimately prove easier to admire than to

Spinning (Trade2/Island 524 426 £15.49) THE duo of Sharon Lewis and Natasha Jones, otherwise known as Pooka, announced its presence in 1993 with a debut album ostensibly of coffee-house folk, but given a demonic twist in the harmonies and lyrics. For Spinning, their belated follow-up, the pair have reinvented themselves as a post-Alanis Morissette acoustic-rock act while retaining a shrill, otherworldy edge that sets them apart from more frivolous contemporaries such as

Alisha's Attic Although they come from the North of England, the searing melodrama of their music and the highly strung emotional pitch of their lyrics are far more in tune with the American soul-baring style of artists such as Ani DiFranco. or even, on occasion, the late Jeff Buckley.

Favouring the sort of faintly discordant harmonic intervals that suggest a witches' coven, their eerie voices ululate to startling effect above the fidgety riffing of Mean Girl and swiftly galloping beat of Sweet Butterfly. "If I don't get a boyfriend soon/I'm bound to get a disease," they insist on

fractured marching-drum Rubber Arms, one of several songs where all manner of not-so-secret neuroses are flushed out. Not pleasant, but perhaps necessary.

DUBSTAR (Food/EMI 7243 8 21217

£13.491 ALTHOUGH their debut album, Disgraceful, made little impression when it was released in 1995, indie-pop durlings Dubstar have since enjoyed Top 20 hits with Not

So Manic Now and Stars, and

now stand poised on the brink of mainstream success. Located in an English tradition that stretches from Kirsty MacColl and Saint Etienne all the way back to the Human League, Goodbye is crammed full of bright, tart little pop statements that often conceal a bitter emotional core within a

The album is dominated by the presence of singer Sarah Blackwood, whose frilly delivery on songs such as My Start In Wallsend and It's Clear produces an effect that is rather like being suffocated by fluffy toy bunnies, an impression clearly at odds with the

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fearless anitude of lyrics such as: "I am the gum on your shoes/The prostitute who

rings your family" (from I Will Be Your Girlfriend). The conflict finds its resolution in the melancholy reggae

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tune It's Over and the sad, slow Ghost ("I'll trace the whole world to find your ghost"), where the posing seems to give way to something more genuine.

Good Feeling (Independiente ISM 488522

CURRENTLY on tour with Oasis, Travis are the Glaswegian rock group whose trick is never knowingly to sound as if they are trying too hard. Perhaps they aren't. The chorus and chord sequence of Happy — "I'm so happy cause you're so happy" repeated ad nauseum — is simple to the

to feature samples as dance acts. This is good news for

copyright owners, since they

ultimately have the right to

veto the use of the material

For example, the Verve's

haunting summer smash, Bit-

ter Sweet Symphony, was built

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point of cretinous, while the high incidence of songs with a slow or languid tempo makes you wonder why they bother to turn their guitars up so loud in the first place.

But they do have a knack for creating infectious, anthemic singalongs, as on the Bluresque chorus of Tied to the 90s and the jaunty hook of their single Ul6 Girls. And, unusually for this kind of group, they have a great line in meaningful love songs as demonstrated by Falling Down, More than Us and the disarmingly straightforward sentiment of I Love You Anyways. Another Del Amitri in the making,

A touch of tuba roots the blues

HOWARD JOHNSON & GRAVITY Right Now! (Verve 537 801-2) ALTHOUGH the ingredients

of this album — six tubas, a rhythm section and the veteran blues singer Taj Mahal are almost wilfully eccentric, the music it contains is spontaneous and sparkily accessible. Some of the participants

made the still-popular live Taj Mahal recording The Real Thing in 1971, but this is more than a "reunion" album. Made directly after a European tour, it catches a red-hot band bursting with ideas and enthusiasm. The material ranges from a passionate but slinky version of Little Willie John's classic Fever, through funky 1960s and 1970s showpieces, to imaginatively elegant arrangements of jazz fare such as Gil Evans's Waltz and Slide Hampton's Frame for

the Blues. But whatever they are playing, the rich, fruity sonorous-ness of the tubas (plus occasional penny whistle or haritone saxophone) and the plaintive graininess of Taj Mahal's lived-in voice, all held together by a whip-smart rhythm section, make for a

JAZZ

highly unusual but consistently enjoyable album.

JOHN LAW The Hours (FMR CD41-V0697)

THE third and final album in a series of piano meditations sparked off by John Law's interest in early monastic music, The Hours takes material from the Liber Usualis as its starting point. After briefly stating each of

the eight plainchant "themes", Law subjects them to sometimes surprisingly robust but consistently graceful and melwith the disciplined vigour that is the most obvious legacy of his immersion over the past few years in free jazz. Added to his recent ac-

claimed trio of albums of Thelonious Monk interpretations and idiosyncratic visits to standards, Law's three solopiano plainchant albums confirm his growing reputation as one of this country's most imaginative young pianists.

Chris Parker



Girl Power didn't help Emma and the other Spice Girls when their producers sampled an obscure soul track

If it's worth hearing once

arlier this summer, the tion. It had nothing to do with the poaching of boyfriends, or with some imaginary shoplifting spree in Scary and Posh's local Sainsbury's. Instead, it related to the unauthorised use of another artist's work in this case a sample from an obscure 1970s funk record called It's Just Begun by the Jimmy Castor Bunch.

"In fairness, the girls didn't know anything about it," explains John Fogarty of Minder Music, the owner of the infringed copyright who stands to make a substantial sum in back royalties from the Spices' multimillion-selling debut album. "Once we had ap-proached them there was no argument. Stannard and Rowe [the group's producers] said they had sampled it from another record, and agreed to pay us."

In many respects, Minder Music was lucky to reach such a quick and amicable settlement. Every year scores of

Where would today's pop stars

be without their predecessors?

Patrick Gilbert reports on sampling rock artists being just as likely

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instances of copyright in-fringement go undetected, losing songwriters and musicians thousands of pounds in royalties. It is a practice which is growing rapidly.

The main problem is the ubiquity of sampling, the term for "lifting" a snatch of music from an existing recording and digitally incorporating it into a new track. Muscled into vogue by the advent of hip hop and rap in the late 1980s, sampling is now an integral part of mainstream pop culture, and its innovative use by indie artists such as Beck whose backing tracks are basically sophisticated sound collages of old records — has garnered almost universal critical acclaim.

Since 1990, when Gilbert O'Sullivan sued an American rapper called Biz Markie over

the unauthorised use of a snippet from one of the 1970s pop star's songs, it has been legal require ment for an artist sampling anoth-er's work first to permission the song's gain from copyright owner (usually the artist or publisher), as well as from the owner of the re-

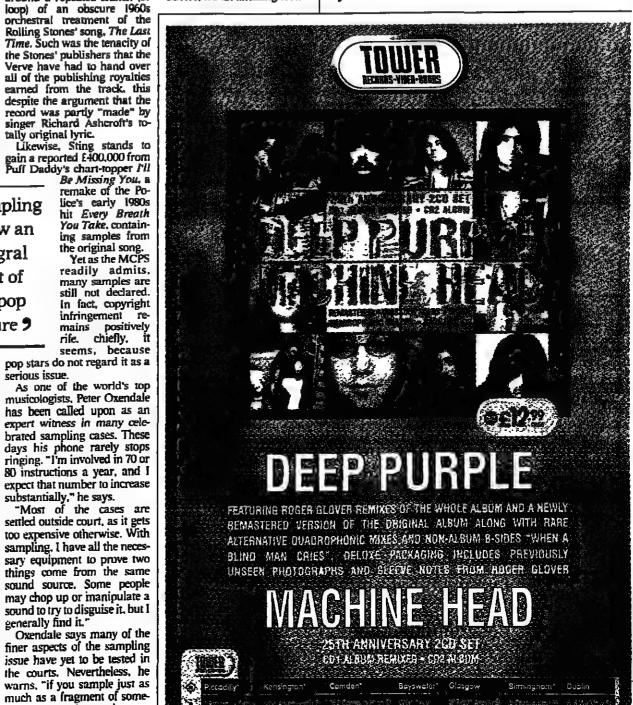
cording (usually the record company). Failure to do so is technically theft, and in America it carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment The O'Sullivan case had a

profound impact on sampling culture. Within a year or two, a climate developed in which samplers and copyright owners recognised the mutual benefits of working together "In the late 1980s, a lot of people were only interested in stopping a record coming out and claiming some damages." explains Linda Taylor of the Mechanical Copyright Protec-tion Society (MCPS), the agency that issues sampling licences. They saw it as theft, end of story. But it's now seen as a way for record companies to exploit their back catalogues. Some artists actively try to get samples, as they know it will be a future source of income."

Of the 200 or so new singles released each week, more than a third are now believed to reproduce elements of another composition, with indie and

legal and otherwise — contin-ues to thrive. "A sampler is as much a musical instrument as guitar," argues Dean Rudland, a former office manager at Acid Jazz, a label which once had to settle out of court

with Minder Music over one of its artists' samples of a Fat Back Band track, "It's messing around with sounds. There are only 12 notes, but there's an infinite number of sounds. Used creatively by gifted producers, it's an amazing tool."





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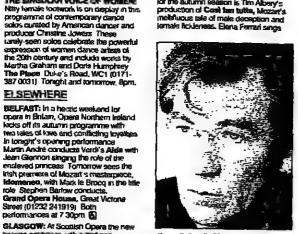
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only be a West Brom-wich Albion support-er, couldn't he? It would be impossible to picture him cheering on any team as achievements of Oxford sleek as Manchester United, or as metropolitan as Arsenal, while lancy-pants Chelsea can be left to the likes of Skinner's

Fantasy Football League sidekick and former flatmate, David Baddiel. Skinner's deadpan wit is just what is needed when you follow a club that still clings to memories of Jeff Astle's FA Cup-winning goal of 1968.

A sizeable proportion of his audience was probably not even born then. When he does his Derek Nimmo impersonation (very sharp, by the way, as was his Kenneth Williams), he wonders aloud how many of the lads in the stalls know what he is talking about.

But even though he has passed his fortieth birthday, Skinner still contrives to be just another of the boys on the terraces. For all I know he could, in reality, be a regular at the Groucho bar, yet readers of Loaded magazine know that, in spite of his royalties, he

is still one of them.

After another middling run of his television chat show, Skinner is on the road for a gruelling national tour. Over the course of 90 minutes he put on a deceptively casual display, keeping the locals in-formed on the latest score in the evening's fixtures, and gently taunting them over the rather less than myriad

Apollo, Oxford

If Skinner himself were a football tearn, he might be called Juventus North End. When the mood takes him, he can turn on what the men in the commentary box like to call the silky skills. Executing nimble sidesteps and agile

stream-of-consciousness runs.

he draws on a broad fund of

At other times, though, he falls back on the crudest and most explicit jokes imaginable, the verbal equivalent of the long ball punted upfield. The level of subtlety hovers somewhere close to a Wimbledon player's stag night.

Many of the routines concerning what I can only politely call our caveman instincts are, in fact, extremely funny, especially when delivered in Skinner's lugubrious tones. Taking his cue from Max Miller, he allowed the audience to vote on how much blue humour they wanted to hear, so he can hardly be accused of

causing a public outrage. But should we be smiling at clever one-liners about Princess Diana's funeral? And what kind of comedy will we be left with when all the taboos have been trampled down? An awkward, nagging question after an entertaining night.

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NO HINT of back-to-school blues hung over the London Schools Symphony Orchestra's concert at the Barbican on Monday. Perhaps the players would have appreciated a bigger audience than the friends, relatives and organisers who predominated here, for such a good cause certainly deserves the support of the capital's musical public. Still, spirits were high in the wake of the orchestra's recent tour of Japan.

The new Japanese connection was strongly reflected in the programme, since the highlight was the Hiroshimaborn Torniko Kohjiba's KA-UN for shakuhachi and orchestra. Though her compact piece demands virtuosity from its soloist, it is not a concerto. The almost spiritual qualities of Kohjiba's music and of the instrument itself, a

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The other major work of the evening was Sibelius's Fifth Symphony, which, for all its popularity, can prove elusive. Despite the LSSO's well-balanced ensemble, with strings more capable than in many youth orchestras of standing up to the brass and wind sections, everyone here was too tentative. Lionel Friend's staid conducting ard not help. The undercurrents of the opening needed firmer, more confident shaping, and the finale more tension: the great closing chords were anticlimactic. Only the second movement's lightly-scored variations unfolded

Friend's young players gave their best elsewhere, even in Barry Booth's Blue Lullaby for shakuhachi and strings, a moody piece of theme-tune music lacking real substance. Malcolm Arnold's overture The Smoke, a late-Forties picture of seedy, nocturnal-London, and Walton's Crown Imperial completed the programme.

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no danger of mistaking one conductor's interpretation for the other's. One of Altrichter's principal virtues

is the essentially dramatic orientation of his approach to a score. Although a series of six symphonic poems intimately associated with another country's national identity is a formidable challenge, he never failed to make the point that Smetana's structures and his expressive motivation are basically the same thing

Alongside the discipline of Al-trichter's conducting there is also a certain inflexibility and not much charm, it is true that the pastoral delights of Vitava and From Bohemia's Woods and Fields were duly registered in orchestral playing of admirable sensitivity in line and colouring. But, in the prevailing need to get on with it and to preserve the structural continuity, there was no chance of luxuriating in Smetana's lyricism.

The brilliantly eventful Sarka, the coda of which achieved an unlikely elevation onto another level of excitement, was the more authentic experience. Where the composer's invention is less inspired, in Tabor and much of the succeeding Blanik, there was an uncomfortable sense of an orchestra yomping over stony battlefields.

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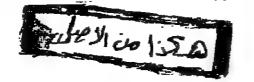
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The cause is what many teachers see as an unhealthy centralisation of power in the hands of ministers. They are faced with guidelines on everything from homework to the amount of time to the spent teaching reading. Some teachers are wondering what is left for them to decide.

The last straw was the suggestion by Mr Blunkett that the hotline set up to take comments on the schools White

Paper could be kept open for parents to complain. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, complained of a big brother approach to schools.

Dissatisfaction had set in well before that, however. The prep schools' annual conference was the unlikely source of the first and most intemperate criticism, as Bob Acheson. Headmaster of Clifton College Preparatory School, Bristol, gave warning of "intellectual fascism" if the Government continued

This week, the Secondary Heads Association (SHA) delivered a more measured critique, accusing ministers of stifling the creativity needed from teachers if standards were to rise. Bruce Douglas, the SHA's new president, said the Government would go "blundering on", failing improve the education system. unless schools were given more

Mr Douglas, head master of Branston Community College, in Lincoln, says: "We are not looking for conflict with the Government, as long as they stand by some of their own rhetoric. If they do not, they risk a smaller, meaner system with lesser leaders and a poorer education for the young people of this country."

Mr Douglas, speaking at a London press conference to mark the start of his year in office, said the failure of a minority of schools was determining ministers' approach to the whole system. He appealed to politicians to drop the falsehoods" that education is a disaster area and that the only

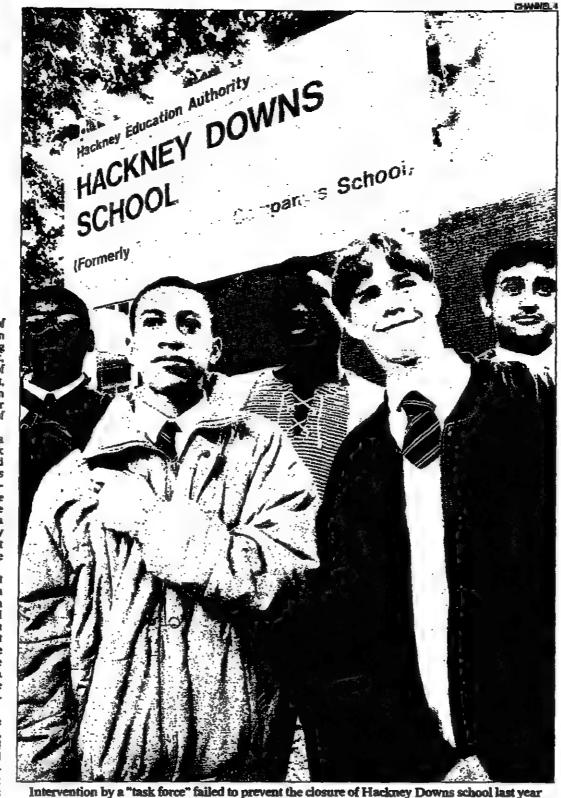
route to improvement was for them to take

more of the decisions. He said the current approach would have a damaging effect on teacher recruitment. "I think the real reason that teacher supply is at risk is that we have moved away from the idea that teaching is a big 'can do' job, where professionals can exercise their judgment." The SHA is not alone

in its concerns. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, reminded ministers after one recent initiative that some of the methods they now seek to outlaw were required practice not long ago in the local authorities they controlled. "Politicians had no monopoly on wisdom then and they do not

now," he said. Ministers would deny that they are failing to live up to their promises of partnership with the teaching profession. Mr Blunkett spoke warmly this week at a conference run jointly by the National Union of Teachers and The Times Educational Supplement. and union representatives have been included in the extensive talks on the Government's forthcoming legislation.

Yet on big occasions, such as the Prime Minister's education summits and when members are cho-



sen for groups such as the standards task force, hand-picked exponents of the Government's initiatives take the place of teachers'

So are organisations such as the SHA simply piqued at being cut out of the action? And is the Governadvice? This was not the first time that the SHA has crossed swords with Labour after its presidential introduction. Last year the association's claims that the party's plans would allow LEAs to wield power over schools once more prompted angry denials. Some of the association's criti-

cisms this week took little account of political reality -- for example on the funding of education, which supply of teachers is out-SHA's leaders find inadequate. But stripped by demand. the charge of overprescription will strike a chord in classrooms.

As well as being contrary to management theory on getting the best out of a workforce, most of the Government's direction relies on

arents may like the idea of strong Government and feel that schools need some firm direction. But Mr Blunkett has acknowledged previously that he must win the backing of ordinary teachers to meet the ambitious targets he is setting. This will be doubly true as

Intervention such as yesterday's decision to send an improvement team into Hackney will command the support of many teachers, as long as they believe that the drive improvement leaves a profes-

Some will see the much-vaunted consultation on the schools White Paper as a key test of the Government's commitment to partnership. The regional conferences, which ended yesterday, disclosed alternatives to the current proposals. If the legislation to be framed later this year does not reflect at least some of them, more teachers are likely to share the SHA's disillusionment.

Schools reform blows through the Windy City

There are tears in her eyes as 14-year-old Antoinette talks about having to spend another year in elementary school rather than moving on with her friends to high school. She is one of more than 11,000 Chicago children who are being made to repeat a whole year of school work. The reason? They didn't do well enough in a one-off test of basic comprehension and maths skills. Children, so the argument goes in Chicago these days, must be made accountable for how they perform.

If there is anxiety in Britain's schools as to what the Government's "zero tolerance" approach to raising standards might mean, then what has happened to schools in Chicago over the past two years will do nothing to dispel it. Especially as Tim Brighouse, vicechairman of the Department for Education's new Standards Task Force, is taking a close

interest in Chicago school reform. By the end of the Eighties the city had what was widely re-garded as America's worst urban school system. Only a third of pupils reached the nat-ional average in reading, and 43 per cent of those who started high is sacked' school dropped out, When they did, the drug gangs were ready for them. Richard Daley, Chica-

go's Mayor, has staked his reputation on improving performance in the city's 550 public schools. Since 1995 the pace of reform has been startling: \$800 million has been raised for structural improvements: support services have been privatised: special schools have been opened for disruptive pupils:

truancy and teenage pregnancy have been targeted. The whole strategy is underpinned by a no-excuses-for-failure philosophy of accountability. If children fail, they must pay the penalty: the same applies to the teachers. And failure is judged by one solitary standard - how pupils do in what are called the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. These are marked by computer, and the become the single most important

day in the school year. For pupils, failure in the test means a compulsory six-week summer school; that is how 47,000 children spent their vacation this year. They were tested again at the end of the programme, and those that still failed - like Antoinette were held back for a year.

Schools where too few pupils

the tests suffer Chicago's equivalent of "naming and shaming". They are placed on probation and have to accept advice from city-appointed private-sector con-sultants as to how to improve their performance. Those that still fail to mprove sufficiently quickly face the ultimate sanction of "reconstitution" - which happened to seven

Chicago high schools this summer. In July every member of staff in these schools - from the head to the caretaker - was sacked. They were told they could reapply for their jobs, but of those that did 40 per cent were told not to bother reporting back in September, Careers, some of 30 years or more, were put on the line at a 30-minute interview before a panel appointed by the school board. And head teachers admit that they weren't just looking for bad teachers: they were also looking for

those unsympathetic to Everyone, the reform strategy. Critics of the Chicago from the reforms say that it has been difficult to speak head to out against it, but many increasingly fear that the strategy is a runaway horse. Academic experts on school imcaretaker, provement are claiming that education is being

reduced to preparation for the tests of basic skills: parents and local school councils - Chicago's version of boards of governors - are complaining that they're being frozen out of any dialogue.

As yet, Chicago's 27,000 teachers have been compliant — but that looks set to change. At the beginning of next academic year they will be presented with a curricu-lum - from kindergarten to the end of high school - that has been entirely scripted for them by the school board, down to detailed lesson plans for each day of the year. It is an extension of what already happens in summer schools, where monitors are employed to check that teachers are on the right page for the day. It will be, as the chief executive of the Chicago school system is proud to call it, "teacher-proof instruction". will force Chicago education into a straitiacket.

If close advisers to the Government are watching Chicago, then so should everyone involved with Britain's schools. Because, as yet. it is the most developed model of where zero tolerance might lead.

Mark Whitaker reports on Chicago school reform for File on 4, on Radio 4,

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unemployable," he said. Are we to believe that the rules of basic grammar were too difficult for that young woman, now in her fourth year of higher education, to grasp? Unlikely. The awful truth is almost certainly that no one in her 17 years of fulltime education has ever bothcred to teach her the

another year.

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by woolly and superficial "English literature", often working on banal books of

dubious worth. The latter is

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And that's English teach-

ing Scant attention is paid to the nuts and bolts of how

English fits together. It's like

asking people to build a house

without showing them how to

lay bricks. Of course, the

house will be hopeless and so

is the written English of most

A despairing magazine edi-

for told me recently of a work

experience student assigned

to him. "She has an English

degree and is doing a course

in journalism but she can't

construct a sentence, let alone

write a letter. She's actually

school-leavers.

Whatever happened to English grammar?

anguage empowers; lack of it disempowers. Do we or do we not want schoolchildren to be empowered? The question suggested itself again this week, as the School Curriculum and Assessment Author-ity confirmed that its proposed grammar tests would not be compulsory for What most pupils are being taught in the name of English is depressingly disempowering. Story, report or diary writing and a whole host of other "creative" activi-

> Many students lack the basic equipment to

build a proper sentence, says

Susan Elkin

elementary rules of grammar or explained to her why they are important.

Grammar and punctuation are mutually supportive. Surely a pupil of, say, il or so can grasp that in the sentence "My sister, who is learning to drive, would like a car of her own" the dependent clause. "who is learning to drive". must be marked off from the main clause with a pair of commas. Or that you can move the parts of the sentence around to create variety and

Help is at hand, however. Shirley Russell is the author of the excellent book Grammar. Structure and Style (OUP, £12.99). Although it

16 to 18-year-olds studying for one of the newish A-level English language courses, Ms Russell says: "I wrote it also as a self-help manual for teachers. Few of those under 40 know anything about gram-mar and I hoped this book might help to break into the vicious circle, because teachers can't teach what they don't know. Yet children lose out so much if they don't understand the basic core of grammar. They can't write essays or express themselves properly." Nonetheless, Ms Russell

dismisses the complex detail of old-fashioned clause analysis. "Whoever heard of a erences from graduates. writer saying 'I think I'll have a noun clause here?" she asks. That is why she includes in her book the rather alarming disclaimer: "You are not asked to learn the grammar discussed in this section but simply to be aware that it once

She is, however, a passionate advocate of teaching sentence structure, parts of speech and the supporting punctuation to all pupils, using the correct vocabulary. Tellingly though, she cannot find a publisher willing to commission her to write a short commonsense grammar book for use at Key Stage 3 or GCSE.

Accurately expressed and punctuated use of English adds to the clarity of communication. Are English teachers too insecure - or too conditioned to the hedonistic belief that all lessons have to be "entertaining" rather than rig-orous — to be single-mindedly intent on empowering their pupils by improving their mastery of language? If so, then they might as well pack up and go home.

Chris Barton steels himself for the start of a new term

When asks neighbour, weeks after modest holiday and the university term September just started. Head down at tray.

Long list of new person-al tutees. Longer list of personal nators' duties: no sex with, fine; no hour without, not fine: explain modular system. to, oh Lard. Push past notice-boards. Reach room,

unlock, lock, lean on back of door. Read last of overnight post, remember when autumn return produced nothing but three months' pay slips: this Septem-ber's invigilation and marking duties alone exceeded those of many a previous golden June. More requests for ref-

The less well they do after leaving, the longer they use your name. Woolworths sales assistantship for a class member of 93? Well... HMSO envelope, better, it is a badly kept secret that I act as unofficial talent spotter for the security services. Two of my placements waved gratefully from their Securicor van the

Evening-class list. Well done, lots of names from last

comes WAY... IF IT ISN'T MY OLD LAW TUTOR ... PARKING

> week's final sales gig. Remember when those big buildings in the middle of your town were dedicated to keeping you out? We could have dressed up like so many Mr Quelches (with or without canes) for those first open days for would-be part-time students. Now they expect a time-share presentation. Throw dart at Open Univer-

sity advertisement pasted on

far wall: "Now you can study law while working or looking after your family." Pah! Our first class of night school graduates are now pretty much at the tops of their trees. Employers are beginning to get the point about doing it the hard way: they're mighty quick on the uptake out there in the good old real world. Odd, considering that the rest of the world laughed at our industry and commerce while fighting to get into our higher education

It's tempting to adapt the one about borrowers and libraries and say that without the students, the place would be great. And for about a week in June it is. But there is nothing, abso-lutely nothing, like the first sight of a new group. One moment a void, then faces, then voices, then characters, some to be known ever after.

The price is stage fright, of course: you know you're good but they don't: every year's the first time. Come in. Welcome. Wel-

come back even. The author is Professor of Famity Law at Staffordshire University.

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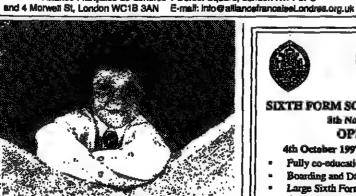
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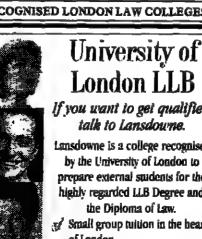
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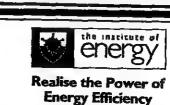
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Torrance in search of solace

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

TRY AS you might, the Ryder Cup and its attendant issues proved as unavoidable as the fog that blanketed the Forest of Arden course yesterday ainorning and caused a threehour delay at the One 2 One British Masters. No matter that Mark Roe leads after a 65, over the course where three years ago he was hit on the head by a ball, or that Raymond Russell looked for a while as though he might beat the European record of eight consecutive birdies. Throughout the day, the

Ryder Cup was the dominant topic of conversation. Sam Torrance had a 69, three under par, and put his good round down to the disappointment of not making the Europe team for what would have been his ninth appearance. It brought him up with a start. For the first time for 10 years Torrance will not be directly involved in the biennial competition.

"I suppose the pressure is off me now I haven't made the team," Torrance said. "1 haven't had a bigger disappointment." Then he paused, "Well, perhaps losing out to Monty [Colin Montgomerie] for the order of merit might have hurt me as much."

It had been thought that Torrance would be a member of Severiano Ballesteros's unofficial staff, one of those who act as his eyes and ears on the course; those roles went to Miguel Angel Jiménez, who is Ballesteros's vice-captain. Mark James and Tommy Horton, Torrance would have loved to have helped out and. judging by the look on his face when asked about it, he was surprised not to have been asked. Instead, he will watch

events unfolding on television. Roe's accident came when he was on the 8th tee during a pro-am and a left-handed

amateur snap-hooked a ball from the 2nd tee. There was no shour of fore and Roe had no warning. One minute he was standing and joking with his amateur partners, the next he was flat on the ground having

been cracked on his temple. He can, and does, joke about it now, expecially after a round as good as yesterday's, but it was no laughing matter for the rest of the year in which it happened. He suffered headaches and bad vision and found it difficult to concentrate. Getting divorced did not

"I went for a brain scan and that was all clear - they couldn't find one," Roe said. The amateur did write me a nice letter at the end of it all saying he got on the green in two and got his four and he had had a super day. Naturally I ceremoniously burned the

By the time Roe got to the 8th tee yesterday, a good round was certain. He was eight under par after hitting a series of accurate iron shots." had a weird feeling when I walked on to the 8th because the tee was forward, at the same point where I got hit." Roe said. Perhaps this was why he made his only error of the day, mis-hitting his tee shot and chipping weakly.

After that run of eight birdies, it was as if Russell suddenly realised the significance of his achievement. To score as many birdies as that from the start of the round is remarkable, even if it only equals the achievement of five men who have also had eight consecutive birdies in European events these past 12 years. Just when the record was at his mercy, Russell hit the earth with a bang. He took a six on the 9th, a long parfour, and thus was a possible 28 turned into a 30.



Torrance keeps his mind on the job in hand at the British Masters yesterday

Two lead as big guns misfire

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN REFRATH

KAREN PEARCE, an Australian from Toowoomba, and Maria Hjorth, a Swede from Falun, shared the lead on 67, five under par, after the first round of the Hennessy Cup at the Golf und Land-Club Koln, near Cologne, yesterday. On a calm, sunny day, only

three other players broke par to share third place on 71. They were the Anglo-Scottish Solheim Cup duo of Lisa Hackney and Dale Reid, and Joanne Mills, an affable Australian, from Sydney, with an affinity for Germany - she won the German Open in Hamburg in July, her maiden victory on the American Express Tour.

The big guns failed to fire.

Laura Davies, the world No 3, is suffering a mild slump and her 75 contained only one

birdie. Her putting is still a worry and the greens here are fast and tricky enough to cause concern. After the round, Davies spent a little time on the putting green, seeking some sort of rhythm by stroking the putts with her left hand while wielding a

lollipop in her right. Marie-Laure de Lorenzi. the Frenchwoman who lies second on the order of merit, also struggied, to a lacklustre 74. They at least were still in touch with the leaders but Trish Johnson was seriously adrift after a 77. The Englishwoman capped a tough day by tangling with the trees at

the last and taking a double-

Karen Lunn, the Australian who won the last tournament, in Paris, and eased through the prequalifying for the US Tour, had an unexpected 81 and Joanne Morley, the Solheim Cup player from Cheshire, also hit 80, with matching halves of 40. Pearce, who has been com-

muting to the United States to play on the Futures Tour she won an event in Syracuse last month - had no such worries and did not drop a shot, recording birdies at all four of the par-fives. Hjorth, a big hitter, did not — she had a bogey six at the 2nd — but had birdies at four of the next five

HOCKEY

Slough set their sights on striking gold in Europe

By CATHY HARRIS

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pionship - we're just sick and

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Berkshire club could, in Chan-

dier's opinion, come from Ipswich and Clifton, who fin-

ished second and third respec-

tively last season. She said:

lpswich are always a classy

outfit and I thought Clifton let

it slip last season, but it will

also be interesting to see what

coached by Gavin Feather-

stone, swept to two successive

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The Warwickshire team,

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They're our biggest threats.

The main challenge to the

tween Slough, the premier division champions, and Hightown, the cup-holders, in the first game of the National League season will be the match of the day.

Hightown are rebuilding after losing several key players, including Maggie Souyave, the former England captain, and Caroline Gilbert, the England Under-21 defender, who has signed for the newcomers, Olton.

The title-holders also have problems, though. Karen Brown, the world's mostcapped player, is out with a wrist injury and two other internationals, Sam Wright and Helen Thornalley, are ill. Sally Eyre, another England player, is not available this year because of her studies. Sue MacDonald, the prolific

Scottish forward, will make her league debut for Slough, five times the champions. Sue Chandler, the captain, said: "She has really impressed me in our preseason training. She's fast, direct, works hard and, best of all, puts the ball in the back of the net."

Chandler said that Slough's main aim this season was to win a gold medal in Europe. "We have a really versatile squad and our coach, John Shaw, has been experiment-

recruited some high-quality players, including Fiona Greenham, the England Under-21 captain, Gilbert and Helen Grant, from Hightown. and two American players. Kristen Holmes and Samantha Salvia. Olton's five England Under-21 players, recently returned from the junior World Cup in Seoul. will all be in action against

Trojans. Featherstone said: "Everyone is expecting us to do well and, although we're aware of the challenge ahead, it won't be easy. We have seven new players and it will be the first time the side has played together. My great concern is that some teams will adopt a very physical approach and

we need to prepare for that."

In the first division. Leicester, relegated last season, have retained their five young England internationals and Lynn Bollington starts her twentieth season for the club. Loughborough Students, who are newly promoted and coached by Mary Nevill, the former Great Britain captain. could also be contenders for another title.

This year one team only will be automatically relegated from the second division. with the seventh-placed club

England overwhelm Egypt

England Egypt

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

ENGLAND delighted their supporters with a display of attacking hockey that overran Egypt and secured their second victory in the junior World Cup at Milton Keynes

The result should boost England's confidence for the important match against Germany, the holders, tomorrow - especially the way they weathered a testing first-half display by Egypt.

The interval arrived with England clinging precariously to a 1-0 advantage obtained in the thirteenth minute, when Boyse gathered the ball from deep inside the 25-yard area and cut his way through on the right to score.

A rush through the middle by England immediately after the interval led to a short corner and David Mathews increased the lead. Mathews then wasted two good chances before he made amends in the 52nd minute by converting another short corner.

Egypt's persistence was rewarded when Mohamed Samer scored in the 56th minute. Egypt, however, undermined their efforts when they lost one of their best defenders, Antro El Fatah. who was sent off for a dangerous tackle.

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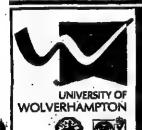
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England wrapped up their win in the 63rd minute with a penalty stroke converted by

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Premiership clubs can rule Europe once more

BY OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AS SOON as the draw was made for suffered from the same bouts of the Champions' League, the amateur soothsayers started reading the runes. Beware the sides that march on England, was the message they saw. In this country, the recent tendency has been to rubbish the FA Carling Premiership teams for being prosaic and to exaggerate the quali-ties of clubs from Italy. Spain and Germany. So it proved again.

Nobody really bothered to make many predictions about Newcastle United's match with Barcelona on Wednesday night, because it was widely assumed that they would be played off the pitch by the Catalan team. And Manchester United? Well, their fate was sealed from the moment that they found themselves

in the same group as Juventus.

Wednesday night changed all that.

It broke the spell that the name of Barcelona had begun to cast, exposed the fact that the best of Spain is no longer streets ahead of the best of England and that, as Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, had said in Kosice on Tuesday afternoon, Premiership clubs were nearing the end of the painful game of catch-up that they had to play once their exile from European competi-

After United had arrived back from Slovakia, Martin Edwards, their chairman, said that his team's chances of success were being under-mined by the refusal to reduce the Premiership to 18 teams. The four groups of six, proposed by Juventus for next season, would force them to play ten games in Europe before Christmas and create a daunting fixture list.

That, though, serves to underline the advances that English clubs are making. The victories for United and Newcastle on Wednesday do not mean that they will win their groups, nor even that they will qualify, but they fitted the mood of optimism that has been sweeping through English football since Euro 96 and the success

in Le Tournoi de France. Conversely, although Barcelona were praised for much of the football that they played last year under Bobby Robson, the idea that their games were all miniature masterpieces, things of art and beauty, is romantic nonsense. In the flesh, they

sterility that afflict England's clubs. The lesson that the Europhile hand-wringers here seem unable or unwilling to comprehend is that some English clubs are more European in their approach than the Europeans. Faustino Asprilla, the hero of St James' Park, is hardly your traditional up-and-at-em centre forward, the blend at Chelsea and

Arsenal is as exotic, the squad system

as extensively used, as anywhere on

the Continent. It is the consensus now that United are only a world-class centre forward away from being the favourites to win the European Cup for the first time since 1968. Andy Cole may have scored two minutes from the end, a consolation for earlier misses, but United's comfortable 3-0 win against FC Kosice proved little. Taken togeth-er with the crushing defeat that Juventus dealt Feyenoord, though, it suggested that group B has already

become a two-horse race.

A clear indicator of which team is likely to prevail will come a week on Wednesday when United face Juventus at Old Trafford. Ten days later, England play Italy at interna-tional level to decide which country qualifies automatically for the World Cup finals in France next year. Gary Neville, outstanding once more at right back for United and rapidly becoming one of his country's stalwarts, said that he believed both matches would re-establish England's reputation as a pre-emi-nent power in world football.

"Those ten days can make England great again," he said. "If we beat luventus at home, I think that will give the whole nation a lot of confidence going into the international. If we do not qualify for the World Cup it will be an absolute disaster, but I am confident we can get the result in Italy. If we don't get the right results, then everything could go pear-shaped for the rest of the year.

"It is about time England and English teams started to dominate Europe again. Leicester, Liverpool, Newcastle and ourselves all got brilliant results this week. I want English teams to win all three competitions this season and I think it can happen. I think we are on the brink of a great year."

Rare talent in full bloom

David Maddock takes

great delight in seeing

a high-class striker at

the peak of his powers

mid the celebrations that Newcastle United dressng-room after their unlikely victory over Barcelona sat the silent figure of Faustino Asprilla. "Everyone was going raving mad, but he just plonked himself down in the corner with a huge smile all over his face."

So explained Asprilla's team-

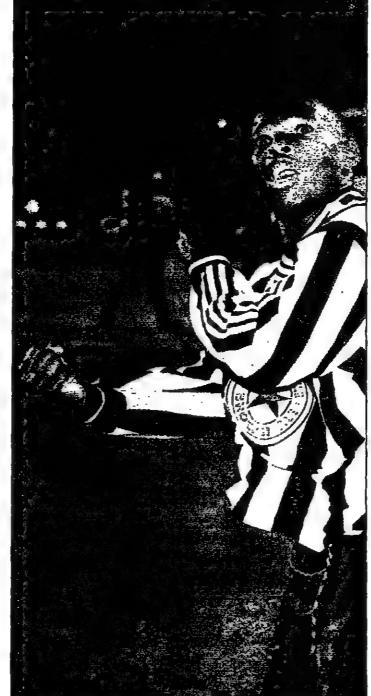
mate, John Beresford. It is typical of the Colombia striker. He is a man of lew words but he is an enigmatic character who has a smile for everyone at St James' Park Every morning, before training. Keith Gillespie finds his windscreen wipers pulled off his shiny new BMW. It is Asprilla heing impish. That same sense of mischief runs through his play on the pitch and it is this that makes him so unpredictable and so difficult an opponent.

Asprilla proved against Barcelo-na on Wednesday evening that he is among the best forwards playing in the world today. It was the complete all-round display of which a striker dreams. Pace, intelligence, skill and strength combined to make him a formida

Yet there remains within his personality a contradiction. He appears in one sense totally committed to his art, but in another detached from the sport that of-fered him a living. Even his demeanour displays this contradic-tion. Against Barcelona he took a penalty under intense pressure and yet made it appear like a kick-

He has failed to master the English language but then he does not seem to need it. His play spoke volumes on Wednesday. Even his team-mates are in awe of him. "I don't think I have seen a striker with such a complete range of skills. There's nothing he can't do," lan Rush said. "Look at how he played against Barcelona. He scored three great goals. was brilliant in the air, held the ball up perfectly, went past people and produced tricks which had you blinking in disbelief. He deserves to be bracketed with the best."

Yet, for the first 12 months with Newcastle. he was used as an easy target for the critics who dismissed his individual style of play. Asprilla arrived on Tyneside 20 months ago and his impact was so minimal that he was blamed for his club having lost the championship to Manchester United.



Asprilla shares his joy with the crowd at St James' Park

Such accusations were grossly unfair, because Asprilla is a rare talent that needed time to settle down into the alien game that British football is to him. Now he has come to terms with the sport in his adopted country and suddenly he has gained the recognition that

his range of skills deserved. Kevin Keegan, his former manager at Newcastle, was a happy man on Wednesday night as he witnessed Asprilla deliver so spectacularly. Keegan believes the forward is now being used in his best

position. "He is better up front on his own, without a partner," Keegan said. "That's what he does for Colombia and he does it

incredibly well." Whatever Asprilla thought about his performance on Wednesday, he did not feel inclined to share it, not even with his own manager and team-mates. As he left St James' Park, he ambied towards the waiting media and said simply: "You can say it for me. I don't care." That sums up the man's glorious

Grobbelaar and Grobbelaar and Grobbela face FA charges

By JOHN GOODBODY

BRUCE GROBBELAAR and Hans Segers could still receive life bans after being charged yesterday with breaking the Football Association's rules on betting. Although the two goalkeepers and John Fashanu, the former Wimbledon and England forward, were last month found not guilty of match-fixing after a second trial, they now face another legal struggle on a different charge brought by the lootball authorities.

The FA said that it had acted because the two goalkeepers had admitted, at their criminal trials, receiving money for forecasting the results of matches in which they had played. Any suspension from the game would cover managing and coaching, as well as playing, and would automati-cally be enforced by Fifa, the governing body, making the ban worldwide.

Grobbelaar and Segers. who have 14 days to respond to the charge, are free in the meantime to play profession-ally. Grobbelaar, 39, the former Liverpool and Zimbabwe gnalkeeper, has just signed a one-month contract with Oxford United as cover for the injured Phil Whitehead and is set to make his debut against Sheffield United in the Nationwide League first division tomorrow. He has played for Southampton and Plymouth Argyle since his arrest in November 1994.

Segers, 35, the former Wimbledon and Nottingham Forest goalkeeper, has yet to play for Wolverhampton Wanderers, his present club. However, he trained with the rest of the squad yesterday for the first division match away to Sunderland tomorrow.

Fashanu has retired from playing but has applied to become a football agent. Sir John Smith, the former deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has recommended that details of the trials be forwarded to Fifa to helo Fifa when it considers Fashanu's application.

Sir John, who was brought

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in by the FA after the acquittals of the three players and the Malaysian businessman, Heng Suan Lim, at Winchester Crown Court in August, is preparing a report on football rules and betting, which will be published next month.

After the court verdict, the FA has dropped its allegations of match-fixing against Grobbelaar, originally brought in November 1994 These were held over while the criminal cases took place. David Hewitt, Grobbelaar's

solicitor, said: "The FA's decision once and for all vindicates Bruce, who has consistently denied any involvement in match-fixing. He added that he expected Grobbelaar to ask for a personal hearing.

Mel Goldberg, Segers's sol-icitor, said that the Dutchman was "very disappointed" by the FA's decision to charge the player for breaking the rules on betting on matches. Gold-berg said: "Hans feels that hehas suffered enough over the last 2's years and has already cleared his name in a court of

The only precedent for the Football Association is the case in the 1960s when ten footballers, including the England internationals, Tony Kay and Peter Swan, and their Sheffield Wednesday colleague, David Layne, were found guilty of conspiring to defraud bookmakers and sent

The FA banned Kay and Swan for life for betting against their own team in a League match, in which they were playing, against Ipswich Town in 1962. They later appealed against the bans, which were lifted after seven years.

As a result of the revelations, bookmakers, concerned about the integrity of the sport, stopped taking bets on individual matches. However, with the game's slow return to respectability, bookmakers now accept single bets on many matches but still apply a minimum of trebles to nontelevised League games.



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

So far our Refresher series on play at trick one has been concerned with No-Trump contracts. It is equally important to consider your early play carefully when there is a trump suit.

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This was a good sequence, both players supporting their partner's suits. South chose to play in his own suit for two reasons: first, he knew it was a strong combination; and second, on some lay-outs (as this one) it might be difficult for the defenders to attack his club

With reasonable breaks declarer has no shortage of tricks (four spades, four hearts and two diamonds). He has a certain loser in each major, so it looks as if the contract will hinge on the position of the ace of clubs. If declarer wins the king of diamonds and plays a trump. West will win and continue diamonds. Declarer will win and play ace and another heart, ducking in order to preserve his communications. But East will win and play a club and declarer will lose two tricks in the suit. Declarer can do better. He

should duck the opening lead in both hands. West will probably continue diamonds. Declarer wins with the king and cashes the ace of dia monds discarding a heart. He now plays a heart to the ace, a heart to the king and ruffs a heart with the king of spades. With dummy's hearts established, he plays the queen of trumps, ensuring a dummy entry with the jack or ten.

If East had the ace of trumps the contract would still hinge on the position of the ace of clubs, but when West has it the contract is assured.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHIESIS CORRESPONDENT

Veteran's moves

After four games of the match between veteran Viktor Korchnoi and French prodigy Etienne Bacrot, the experienced former world champ-ionship contender had moved into a slight lead, thanks to his tactical acumen in the following game. In the opening stage

Korchnoi deliberately avoided main-line theory. After a fierce series of exchanges he emerged into an endgame with a slight material advantage which he succeeded in converting to victory.

White: Viktor Korchnoi Black: Etienne Bacrot Albert, France September 1997

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Go title

Matthew MacFadyen has regained his position as British champion in the Oriental game of go. The sixth-dan player from Leamington, who dominated British go in the 1930s and has won the European championship four times, completed a clean sweep in the title match at Milton Keynes last weekend to defeat Charles Matthews 3-0.

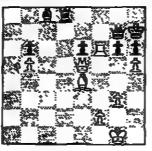
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOYE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Glek — Bezold,

Martigny 1997. White could capture on go with bishop or pawn, but there would then be no obvious winning continuation. What did he do instead?



Magnificent seven ride on in Cup

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

HEARD the one about the team that travelled for an FA Cup replay with nine men, finished it with seven and still won 1-0? Preposterous as it may seem, that is just what Weston-super-Mare achieved at Cinderford Town on Tuesday night. "Well, it was seven and a half men really." Keith Refault, the Weston secretary said. "We started with only nine men, had another sent off and one who was injured and could do no more than hobble

up and down the touchline." The short-term cause of Weston's plight was the drawn match last Saturday that left them down to nine men. "We had hoped to persuade a player who had left us to come back for one more match, but he couldn't," Refault said. And then we had a 37-yearold goalkeeper who we were prepared to send onto the outlield, but he dislocated his

After the secret of Weston's uccess over their Dr Martens League rivals? "We played two at the back, five in the middle and one up front, Danny O'Hagan, a former Plymouth Argyle player, who kept three defenders busy," Refault said. They didn't seem to know how to handle it.

"Len Ashurst, our manager. was magnificent. He was on the touchline orchestrating things from start to finish. It was like having an extra player. All his experience shone through." The goal, beautifully struck

from 20 yards, came from

Craig Dann in the 78th minute. Seven minutes later O'Hagan. "who had been hacked to bits all night", was sent off for retaliation. Ryan Souter then finished the match as a passenger, after badly damaging his ankle. How did Cinderford react to their humiliation? They were

very magnanimous," Refault said. Their officials were a great deal more civilised about it than I would have been."

The background to Weston's feat is severe pruning of Ashurst's budget, but Salisbury City, their opponents in the second qualifying round tomorrow week, will find that team spirit remains in unlimited supply.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

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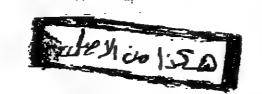
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RACING: CHAMPION SIDELINED UNTIL NEXT MARCH AFTER REQUIRING SURGERY

Eddery put out by back injury

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

PAT EDDERY is to undergo major back surgery next month - and will not return to race riding until March 1998 at the earliest.

The decision, which comes only days after the II-times champion jockey rode his 4,000th winner on Silver Patriarch in the St Leger, was taken at a hastily convened breakfast time conference yesterday involving Carolyn, his wife, and Terry Ellis, his brother-in-law and agent.

"I am gutted but just glad this didn't happen before Saturday. I will be in hospital for five days and need three weeks' convalescence to build up the spine." Eddery said The Irishman, 45, ricked his

back in April when a horse

suddenly swerved after leav-

ing the starting stalls and the considerable pain he has suffered since then - mainly out of the saddle - led to him arranging to go into hospital on October 7 — two days after the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. However, he woke up in agony during the early hours of yesterday morning and, although he was hopeful that two days' rest would enable him to resume on Monday and partner Kilimanjaro in the Royal Lodge Stakes at

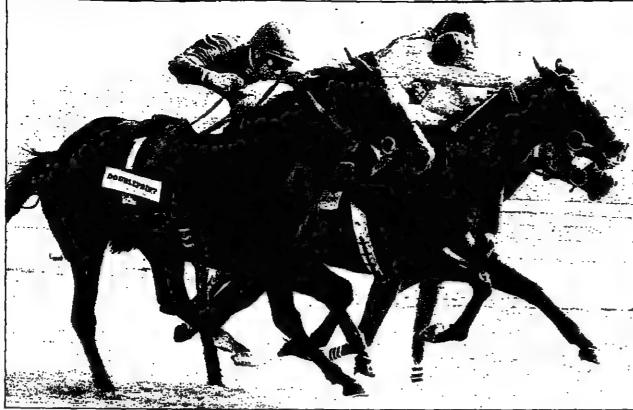
Ascot tomorrow week, his family insisted he called it a day for the season and brought forward the necessary medical treatment.

"He's out for the season," Ellis confirmed. "It's a longstanding problem which dates back to April when one came out of the gate, swerved and ricked Pat's back. It has never gone away; in fact it has got a

he would have to stop. "Pat has been in terrible pain and this year has been an absolute nightmare. A disc in

lot worse. He was warned if

the pain got down into his legs



Posidonas, centre, edges out Arabian Story and Swain, nearside, at Newbury. Photograph: Julian Herbert / Allsport

his back has moved somehow and it's on a nerve. He's okay once he is on a horse and leans forward as the disc comes off the nerve and he is relatively pain free. It is afterwards he has the problems.

"Pat will have surgery next month to remove the disc. He won't be riding until next March although the specialist says he should be able to ski by February."

Eddery's absence will have several trainers and owners scratching their heads - not least Wafic Said, owner of Bosra Sham, who insisted Eddery should be reunited with his top filly in the Champion Stakes after her controversial defeat in the Eclipse Stakes, when ridden by Kieren Fallon.

The absence of Eddery at Newbury yesterday meant Fallon replaced him on Arabian Story in the Doubleprint Arc Trial and the Queen's admirably progressive four-year-old recorded his best

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SHELTERING SKY (5.00 Ayr) Next best: Holy Wine (2.30 Ayr)

performance, being pipped a short head by Posidonas in a three-way photo-finish. The Lord Huntingdon-

trained colt has been entered

for the Melbourne Cup - for

which he has been allocated

4.10 william hill silver clef handicap

(Lady amateurs: £4,709: 1m 4f 5yd) (22 runners)

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8st 6lb - and the Queen is now likely to come under friendly pressure to stump up the £50,000 it costs to travel a horse to Australia's most famous race. He is certainly well treated at the weights and should relish the step up to two miles.

Clerkenwell, who has been laid out for the race at Flemington on the first Tuesday of November, finished a disappointing fifth and carried his head in an awkward manner. However, there were genuine excuses. He suffered a problem with a foot earlier in the week and had to endure a 412-hour journey from Newmarket to Newbury before the

Swain, who won the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes on soft ground at Ascot, was sent off a 2-1 on favourite for the first running of Newbury's Arc trial and, despite leading a furlong and a half from home, could not pull away from his rivals on this much faster surface. Ladbrokes knocked the Godolphin runner out to 10-1 (from 6-1) for the Arc and he could only be supported with confidence at Longchamp if the ground was genuinely soft.

Posidonas is a gross horse who has needed his two starts this term to regain fitness. "You can only do so much with horses like that at home. The Arc has been his target for quite a while and easy ground would be in his favour." Paul Cole, his trainer, said.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 MILLITRIX (nep).

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RACELINE

Market move

Coral yesterday reported good each-way support for Musical Mayhem for the Tote Cesarewitch on October 18 and has shortened his odds to 16-1 from 25-1. The Henry Cecil-trained Canon Can heads the betting

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4.10 (2m) 1. Jlyush (8-1); 2. Grey Shot (8-1); 3. Go Britanna (9-1). Shah Of Light S-1 fav 10 ran 234, 144 E Duniop. Tota: £770; 2.90. £2.00. £2.40. OF £14.30. Tric: £40.00 CSF: £56.98. Tricust: £458.54.
4.40 (1m 2i 9yd) 1. Annhang (16-1); 2. Shaska (7-1); 3. Yibont El Sultan (14-1). 4. Shere Wifert (20-1). Summar Dance 7-4 tax. 17 ran. ri., 2. J. Hills. Tota: £18.50; £2.30. £2.50. £3.90. £3.80. DF: £22.00. Tric: £549.80 CSF: £112.23 Tricust: £157.293. Jacktoot: not warn freed at £37.411.73

Jeckpot: not wan (pool of £37,411.73 carried forward to Newbury today). BETTING: 5-1 Gold Blods, 7-7 Mantenints, 8-1 Open Bull, Nersong, 10-1 Duncaribo Hall, 12-1 Two Sitcles, Stalled, Brassel Well, Sheran Mystic, 14-1 others. 1888: OCHREE BCHO B-9-12 Eve Johnson Haughton (28-1) J Brahell 22 cm FORM FOCUS

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Tel: C111 40. 3.00 63] 1. Hairmainere (Marrier Dayer, 9-4 foyl, 2, its All Religibles (10-1), 3, Fritz Tuck (10-1) 9 ran 3il, 11 Balating Toler \$2.50, £1.30, £3.10, £2.30 DF £20 40 CSF-£23 11, True: £67.30. After a sitemands' control. The result street. 3.90 ESI 1, Just Bob (D Mickeown, 7-1), 2, Cambrington (14-1), 3, Swynford Dream (14-1), 4, Gold Edge (16-1) 25 ran, NR Mungo Park, 194, 41 rb, 5 Kestowell Folie (5 60: ET 70, 52-60, 54-60, 57-20 DF: 529-50 CSF: 980.50 Tream \$1,251.70, Teorem (14-1), 10 CSF: 9

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HUNTINGDON THUNDERER 2.20 Shelton Abbey, 2.50 Euro Singer, 3.20 More Than You Know, 3.50 I Have Him, 4,20 Antiguan Flyer, 4.50 James Pigg, 5.20 Snowboy.

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2.50 BOB ARNOLD MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (\$2,819; 2m 110vd) (4) 1 F-\$1 FED ON OATS 16 (D.C.E.) Mass V Williams 9-11-3 M Williamson 2 F-\$P CHAPPUCK 6 (6.5) Mrs E Heath 7-10-10 ... A Thomston 3 ISS- EURO \$1858-E Mrs \$1858-E Mrs

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CARTELACE 17 M Beath 7-10-10 P Calberty

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Quiet Assurance ready to confirm early potential

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2.40: Crimson Tide bounced back to near his best when third to the well-regarded Intikhab at Epsom two weeks ago, only being tapped for toe inside the final furlong. The form looks rock solid with Almushtarak, runner-up that day, having subsequently won a group three race at Doncaster. The return to ten furlongs and a more galloping track should suit the John Hills-trained runner. Canon Falls, winner of a Chester maiden on easy ground, produced his best effort when beaten 312 lengths by Salmon Ladder at Windsor last time, but may lack the finishing speed of the selection.

3.10: Blue Gentian won a slowly-run race on her debut at Salisbury and third-placed Nebi gave the form a boost when winning at Sandown on Wednesday. Hollow Haze has been showing up nicely on the Manton gallops and Peter Chapple-Hyam has an excellent first-time strike rate at his local track. Michael Stoute's two-year-olds have invariably benefited from their first run and Millitrix



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

should be no exception. Easy in the market on her debut at Salisbury 15 days ago, she led inside the final furlong but just went down to Flawless, with four lengths back to the third. Flawless subsequently finished a half-length runner-up to Midnight Line in the May Hill Stakes, so the form looks particularly good.

3.40: This race invariably throws up a winner of a quality matched by the sponsor's wines. James Toller has his string in tip-top form and believes his best two-year-old could be the Duke of Devonshire's Duck Row, who runs in the same colours as Teapot Row, winner of decent race at Doncaster last week. Blueprint is a nice two-year-old who shaped well here behind

Mahboob on his debut and will improve. Glory Of Grosvenor has been pleasing at home, while Evening World trounced his rivals by 14 lengths in the York mud last time. However, Quiet Assur-ance is the clear form choice iudged on his three-quarter length second to Bahr in a listed race here five weeks ago and Ed Dunlop's St Jovite colt is capable of going one better today.

4.10: Gold Blade, winner of five consecutive races last summer, ran his best race this season behind Epic Stand at Ayr last time, but the two-month break is a worry. In a wide open heat, Montecristo, Norsong, Foley's Quest and Supermick all have form chances, but it could be worth taking a risk with the well-drawn Haya Ya Kefaah, who is making his seasonal reappearance. Norman Babbage can get them ready first time out and his five-year-old, for whom Diana Jones is an eye-catching booking, won three better-class races over this distance last term on similar left-handed, galloping tracks.

RICHARD EVANS

DOLGIFIA -

4.00 FAUCETS FOR MEYNELL SAFEMIX VALVES FILLIES HANDICAP (\$5,800; 1m 2l) (12)

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H Horizo (3) 80
4 (2) 2406 SEST OF ALL 61 (6F,6.6) J Berry 5-9-1
5 15) 1-25 ALAVIS 115 (6) J Dunkop 3-9-1
6 (12) BOID FANTASTIC R.AME 25 (0.0) F Market 3-9-0
J Fortsone 97
7 (11) 0800 RESEL COUNTY 8 (CDF,6.5) A Barley 4-8-12
R Ffranch (3) 88

8 (7) -250 DOUBLE ESPRESSO 14 (G) M Johnston 3-8-8

4.30 ROBERT WYPER MOTORS HANDICAP

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5.00 WHYTE & MACKAY SPECIAL RESERVE HANDICAP (£6,613: 71) (18)

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7-2 Flow By, 6-1 Take A Turn, Holy Wins, Navasley, 18-1 Toursway, 12-1 others.

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3.50 WHITE MOUNTAIN ROADSTONE HANDICAP

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4 TOMERS J Bridge 5-11-4
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5 DOVE FROM ABOVE 65 R J Proc 4-11-2
7 LORD HAASHMIM M Polylass 4-11-2
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9 POSH SPICE N Hamderson 6-10-13
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Ivo Tennant sees the champions bringing

a sad and unspectacular season to an end

CRICKET

Maynard enables Glamorgan to retain initiative

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TAUNTON (first day of four: morgan, with eight first-inruns behind Somerset

THE influx of Welshmen in Taunton yesterday suggested that devolution rated a little lower than the county championship. Despite the news being regularly relayed from Canterbury, they will have ended the day with hopes tantalisingly raised, Glamorgan having taken confident strides towards the victory that will secure the title, no matter what Kent may

This was absorbing cricket, played on a pitch with a little to offer everyone. Glamorgan's decision to bowl first was influenced by the absence through a knee injury of Mushtaq Ahmed, leaving Somerset without a specialist spin bowler. The Welsh, however, did not have an untroubled ride as, having dismissed Somerset in two sessions, they lost two wickets negotiating a superb new-ball spell from Andrew Caddick.

Their command was stirringly restored by an unbroken stand of 117 between the present and past captains, Matthew Maynard and Hugh Morris. While Morris was respectful and responsible. Maynard was a man inspired. making batting look absurdly easy as he hit 14 fours and a six in his 76 not out.

The day was still and humid for Glamorgan's most important match in 28 years and, in the television commentary box broadcasting to Wales, sat three members of the 1969 title winners. They will have purred contentedly over the morning's events as Wagar Younis knocked the top off the Somerset innings and disciplined bowling brought two more wickets before lunch.

Waqar was not feeling at his best or bowling at his quickest, a stomach bug having taken

its toll, but his initial six overs brought him two for 14. Both batsmen to fall were out without scoring, Holloway bowled by the trademark inswinger and Ecclestone caught at first slip, as he flirted outside off stump.

Rob Turner, successfully converted to opening, became Somerset's first man to 1,000 runs but, on 40, played an acquiescent hook against Watkin. Thomas, at long leg. barely had to move to take the catch. Then, shortly after a Welsh wail had greeted news of Surrey's demise against Kent, Trescothick was well caught at cover, mistiming a

drive against Croft. Mark Lathwell batted solidly to reach 50 from 67 balls and Waqar had to be recalled to put Glamorgan back in charge. First, he had Lathwell dropped at slip, but the miss cost only six runs before the swinging yorker got through. Burns, a busy partner in a fifth-wicket stand of 42, was another victim of swing and speed while Rose knew little about a first ball that looped to safety off his glove.

Undeterred, Rose put on 4! with his captain, Peter Bowler, before two wickets for the leftarm spin of Cosker introduced a phase of the game that makes cricket so unfathomable to the uninitiated. May-



Maynard: inspired

nard pushed his field deep for Bowler, who refused all runs until at least the fifth ball of each over. He coped manfully and Shine, when exposed, was immovable, save for an incongruous hook for six off

Eventually, both were out in the same Watkin over and in the same fashion, caught at slip by the clam-like hands of Morris. Glamorgan were thus back at the top of the table, but serious work awaited them if they were still to be there when it mattered.

On a pitch allowing some sideways movements, playing Caddick was never going to be easy. However, Shine was not quite as demanding - his first over contained two huge wides and only umpire leniency prevented more - and the back-up bowling seldom

Caddick was in a different class. Steve James had struck him for two successive fours before aiming to leg and departing, adjudged leg-before, to ponder an aggregate of 93 runs in seven innings mortifying figures for a man who had hitherto routinely made more in a single innings. Dale, narrowly surviving his first ball and dropped at gully off Rose on eight, was then caught at slip without

The remainder of the day belonged to Maynard. Morris, missed on 11, was content to support and admire as his captain continued the sublime form that, a week ago, carried his team to the vital victory

Timing the ball enviably, he reached 50 from 43 balls and gave Ben Trott a chastening introduction to championship cricket, taking 21 off his first two overs. Maynard lapsed only once, when dropped at mid-off playing an audacious tennis smash against Caddick. Another hour of him this morning will put this game firmly in Glamorgan's court.



Burns is bowled by Waqar, one of four wickets for the Glamorgan fast bowler

Young leaves timely mark

BY PAT GIBSON

whether to keep him on even if

it meant dispensing with the

In the end, they decided to keep faith with their old West

Indian warhorse as he is likely to win more matches. There

seemed no hard feelings yes-

terday, however, when Young

led them out of a familiar

batting crisis with a century.

One of the main reasons

why Gloucestershire were un-

able to sustain their champ-

ionship challenge was that

their opening partnerships were averaging less than 20

and that figure dipped further yesterday when Austin's can-

ny combination of seam and

swing exposed the frailty of

their top order. Hewson was caught behind, Hancock tak-

services of Courtney Walsh.

BRISTOL (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Lancashire. with eight firstinnings wickets in hand, are 238 runs behind Gloucester-

THERE will not be a dry eye in the pavilion at the end of this match. The umpires, Barrie Meyer and Jack Bond, are standing for the last time after 84 years in the game between them and Shaun Young is making his farewell after one season as Gloucestershire's overseas player.

They will all be badly missed: not least, in these parts at any rate, Young, who has made such an impression this summer that Gloucestershire agonised for weeks over

shire to reach 262. Lancashire were left with II vers' batting, which gave Michael Atherton the chance to acquire a better appreciation of Mike Smith's swing bowling. Atherton wisely spent most of his time at the other end as Smith removed Wood and Shadford, the nightwatchman, to leave Lancashire on 24 for two.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-34, 3-50, 4-59, 80WLING Milina 3-0-20-1, Ormand 4-0 13-0; Dalon 5-1-12-2; Wells 4-0-16-1

en at slip and Windows legbefore as Austin took three for 15 in his opening spell before Young put the conditions in perspective with a hundred in little more than three hours with 16 fours. Good support from the dogged Dawson and Russell and a ninth-wicket stand of 40 between Davis and Lewis enabled Gloucester-

too

Four players are leaving Leicesteshire this season: Gregor Macmillan, Gordon Parsons, Anatole Thomas and Phil Whitticase. If he is lucky. Birkenshaw will acquire two more "and perhaps a university cricketer on match money". Simmons

become available.

ties, few good bowlers will

will replace Neil Johnson, the South African. The champions, as with most other counties, are heavily dependent on their allocation from the England and Wales Cricket Board. "I would have liked to have seen two divisions introduced in county cricket,"

and with only reminiscences of last summer to sustain them through the winter. Birkenshaw said. This week, Leicester City have taken on Atlético Madrid in the Uefa Cup and, at the weekend. Leicester play Toulouse in the Heineken Cup. Winning the county championship might just have persuaded the populace to journey to Grace Road as well. Alas not.

Leicestershire have attracted only around 500 new members and are cutting their playing staff. It is a sad

LEICESTER (first day of

four: Leicestershire won toss): Durham, with six

hand, are 175 runs behind

A YEAR ago, Leicestershire

were on the verge of becom-

ing county champions for

only the second time in their

somewhat impecunious and

of Nigel Briers -- unfashion-

able existence. They are

finishing this season in the

lower-middle reaches of the

table in front of their cus-

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- whisper it quietly in front

first-innings wickets

story.

They have lost, in the estimation of Jack Birkenshaw, their manager, the equivalent of 21 days of firstclass cricket this season. which have affected their chances of remaining champions as much as it has their attendances. Yet that is not the entire story. Leicester-shire, in the absence of Phil Simmons, their talismanic overseas player, have been unable to raise their game as

they did last summer. Birkenhaw, ever the realist, recognises as much. "We have not bowled like we did last year. There have been many middle-order

stands against us. "I would like to sign a leg spinner, but we cannot afford Shane Warne, and, although I am waiting to see if one or two individuals will be released by other counperbyshire players etoff steam

"Everybody I have spoken to has been disappointed this did not come off. My players are not particularly excited about the new super cup competiton for the top eight clubs. We are not a fashionable county but we try to play properly and the England players who come to Grace Road are delighted with our facilities."

In the kind of weather that makes you wonder why the cricket season is not extended until October. Leicestershire batted in keeping with their more lowly status this season. Whitaker struck the ball as well as he can ever have done in making 93 off 97 balls with 18 fours, but the rest went pretty quietly in conditions that helped the swing bowlers, notably

litown. Leicestershire were without Mulially, who has had a reduced Durham, who need just one further bonus point to avoid finishing bottom of

the table, to 59 for four. Dakin, the replacement for Johnson, who has returned to South Africa, took two wickets with his medium pace and Wells and Millns removed the openers. Bad light ended play shortiv after 5pm.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Northern lights beckoning **Edwards**

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE new lease of life that Shaun Edwards has enjoyed at London Broncos has not only brought a recall into the Great Britain squad for the series against Australia in November, but also created interest in a move back to the North by the scrum half next season, possibly to Bradford Bulls, the Stones Super

League champions.
Bradford would not officially confirm their interest in Edwards, who has a year of his contract at London still to run, but a club spokesman said: "All player contracts and possible signings will be deal with after our world club championship quarter-final in Auckland on October 4. Obviously, a player of Shaun's quality would be an

London would be reluctant to part with Edwards, whose impact since his arrival from Wigan in March helped them to finish second in the Super League and also qualify for the knockout stages of the world club championship. Edwards has a fortnight to recover from a knee injury for the home quarter-final against Cronulla.

Although he moved to London mainly to be with his girlfriend and new-born son, Edwards was reluctant to end his 14-year association with Wigan. Bradford, however, would be his first choice in the event of him moving. "If they are interested, it's very flatter-

ing," he said. Graham Steadman, the former Britain full back and, at 35, the oldest player in the Super League, announced yesterday that he will retire at the end of the season. Tonight, though, he will line up for Castleford Tigers in their Premiership semi-final at St Helens, who will give a late fitness test to Apollo Perelini. Castleford are hoping that Dean Sampson will be available after a four-match

absence. James Lowes, the Bradford booker, is the latest winner of the monthly Stones Gold

SNOOKER

Wattana enjoys welcome break

JAMES WATTANA achieved the third maximum break of his career during the Catch China International Super Challenge in Beijing yesterday. The occasion was made even more special by the fact that it was the first 147 to be made in a leading professional

tournament outside Britain. Wattana, from Thailand, went on to celebrate a 5-4 quarter-final victory over Pang Wie Guo, of China. "Considering I didn't feel too good before the match started am delighted," Wattana, who has been suffering from a throat infection since his arriv-

al in Beijing, said. "I have had two 147s in competition before, but this is something special because it's a little bit of snooker history." The former World Matchplay champion will collect a £500 bonus for the feat. He had previously made maximum breaks at the 1991 World Masters and 1992 British Open and now stands alone in second place on the list of players who have made 147s in professional competition behind Stephen Hendry, who has four.

Wattana, the world No 12. had trailed 2-0 and 4-1 despite putting together a break of 92 in the third frame - and looked in great danger of suffering a surprise defeat. He recovered, though, and completed the maximum break in the sixth frame. It was his 156th century break in a professional event and he completed his comeback with a four-frame winning streak, ending with a break of 76 in the deciding frame.

Wattana, who has not captured a title since successfully defending the Thailand Open that he won in March 1995, now plays Steve Davis, who ended a sequence of nine consecutive defeats against Stephen Hendry, which stretches back 4'2 years, by whitewashing his great rival

In the other half of the draw, Ronnie O'Sullivan, who beat China's No l, Guo Hua, 5-2 yesterday, will play either Mark Williams or Jimmy

Zimbabwe v New Zealand

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J Lewis law b Keedy
A M Smith not out Total (94.4 overs) 282
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-9, 3-20, 4-105, 5127, 6-189, 7-205, 8-214, 9-254 BOWLING Chappie 22-4-50-2, Austin 22-9-44-4: Shadlord 7-0-50-2; Wallenston 18-7-40-0; Aeedy 25 4-5-68-2.

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JASON GILLESPIE, the Ausgrievances.

ness, Marsh said: "I think we'll be looking at around six months." Gillespie took 16 wickets in the Ashes series against England but was forced to return home before the final Test at the Oval. The Australia players, who

Total (4 whits, 16 owers) .

Gillespie injury blow

tralia fast bowler who played a significant role in his country's Ashes success this summer, is likely to miss the entire Australian domestic season because of his back injury, Geoff Marsh, the national team coach, said yesterday.

Asked to predict when Gillespie would recover full fit-Sussex chairman, has died

are campaigning for better pay and working conditions, have requested an urgent meeting with the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) in an effort to discuss their

The ACB gathers today for its annual meeting with the outside possibility that the ruling body of the sport in Australia could face a players' Dr David Rice, the former

aged 83. Rice was a county

committee member for 28

years, from 1957, and chair-

man between 1982 to 1985.

Somerset v Glamorgan TALINTON (first day all four, Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan, wen eight first-mings wickets in hand, are \$3 runs behind

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Sussex v Nottinghamshire HOVE (first day of four: Nothinghemship wort toss). Nothinghemship have score 337 for the wickets against Sussex

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Total (5 wits, 104 overs) 337 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-189, 3-189, 4-287, 5-327

BOWLING: Kirtley 21-4-80-3, Jamés 16-292-1; Robinson 22-1-74-0; Martin-Jenieng 9-3-34-0; Bates 26-6-70-1; K Newell 6-1-21-0; Carpenter 2-2-0-0

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D J G Sales c Catter b Gales
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A L Pamberthy not out
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FALL OF WICKETS 1-58, 2-133, 3-133, 4200, 5-22
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Cowan shoulders task of lifting Essex

By Barney Spender

CHELMSFORD (Middlesex won toss; first day of four): Middlesex, with nine firstinnings wickets in hand, are 241 runs behind Essex

THEY may not have been stirred by the prospect of promotion or relegation but Essex and Middlesex, inspired by career-best performances from Ashley Cowan and Tim Bloomfield respectively, still managed to produce an in-triguing opening day to their

last match of the season. Middlesex had the better of the early stages after Mark Ramprakash won the toss and, for the first time in his brief reign, opted to bowl first on a hazy morning. The first ball of the day, from Angus Fraser, was dispatched to the square-leg boundary but, after that, the bowlers took advantage of the conditions and Essex slumped to 63 for

Bloomfield, who played for Sussex second XI last year, found enough movement to hit Irani's middle stump with a ball that the batsman later

claimed pitched outside legastump, and then, four balls later, flatten the off stump as Grayson shouldered arms. He finished with figures of five for 77, but also suffered the sight of Hewitt, at mid-off, spilling the easiest of catches offered

by Stuart Law. The Australian cashed in belligerently to the tune of 63 from 80 balls, but his dismissal saw another collapse and it was left to the ninth-wicket partnership of Cowan and llott, 47, to patch things up with a delightful stand of

Cowan attacked with gusto and raced to his maiden firstclass fifty from 63 balls, hitting eight fours and a six off Tufnell. When he was the last man out, for 77, he had hit two more boundaries and another six off Johnson over long-

There was no sign of his recent shoulder injury, al-though when Middlesex batted at the end, he bowled just four overs before leaving the field and heading off to see a

Swann makes serene pursuit of century

EDGBASTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have made 215 for five wickets against Warwick-

THE problem for Northamptonshire is not discovering young batsmen, but finding a place for them in their top order. Last season they provided England's under-19 side with three of the first four in the series against New Zealand. David Sales and David Roberts have "trained on" since and Alec Swann, 20, is well-placed today to catch up with his talented contemporaries by recording a maiden hundred — having scored just 50 in his first six champion-

So far he has batted for 244 minutes in accumulating 73 runs with the care and pride of a child saving pennies. Those who chose flamboyance were soon punished. Fordham, in his final match before taking

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up employment with the England and Wales Cricket Board, flat-batted a wide ball from Bell to mid-off and Montgomerie, after grinding out 58, was caught at square leg attempting to hook Brown. Curran fell to the next ball, another short one, and Sales was caught low down by

Ostler at slip cutting Giles. Warwickshire saw four edges fall short of the slips and Ostler spilt a hard chance before Swann had reached double ligures.

Knight, the captain, was involved in a heated on-field discussion with Alian Jones. the umpire, over slip fielders surreptitiously walking in during the bowler's approach. Knight, Jones and Phil Neale, the Warwickshire director of coaching, met during the lunch interval when Jones agreed to permit the tactic as long as the fielders were stationery at the point of delivery.

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CRICKET

Derbyshire

players

at last

By Michael Henderson

was denied by Jones, have winners' medals to disprove

his claim and are fully com-

mitted to achieving further honours for the club."

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the captaincy, players' respon-

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junior players and the inde-

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pist. The players' statement

ended by looking forward to long-term stability rather

In fact, they bowled and

fielded with commendable

spirit yesterday, after York-

shire had won the toss. At one

stage before lunch, as the ball

moved around in sultry condi-

tions and the batsmen swashed and buckled, York-

shire were floundering at 58

for five before Byas and

Blakey put together a century

With Smith, a 20-year-old

18-year-old batsman, making

their championship debuts,

Derbyshire supported their

bowlers with some frisky work

in the field, though Tweats

grassed an early chance at

slip, Later, DeFreitas put one

down when the last pair.

Hutchison and Fisher, were

adding 46. Overall, they stuck

to their task as though it was

captain for the time being,

bowled a searching morning

spell when he removed

Vaughan, Lehmann and Mor-

ris within 15 balls for two runs.

When he returned after hunch,

he vanquished Hamilton ut-

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There was a first wicket for

Smith, who also took a good,

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than short-term goals".

It went on to list six "lessons

Hampshire have no answer to Hick's ferocity



Hick: relentless

By JOHN THICKNESSE

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 428 for two wickets against Hampshire

JOHN STEPHENSON guessed that Hampshire were in for it from the moment he lost his ninth toss out of ten and he was right. In conditions made for run-scoring — a slow, bounceless pitch, bright sunshine and a fast ourfield - Graeme Hick gorged himself with his sixth hundred of the season, and first double-hundred, and Tom Moody trimmed 120 off the 207 runs he needed to compete his thousand for the season.

Thirteen minutes from the close,

when their partnership reached 315.
they deprived Tom Graveney of his one remaining Worcestershire batting loose ball with greater certainty than record, with Martin Horton for the third wicket, which had stood since 1962. Today, the pair need another 65 to break the record for any Worcestershire wicket, set by E. G. Arnold and

W. B. Burns in 1909. Hick's wicket was in danger only once, on 29, when Udal pushed him onto the back foot with an off break. It was the only time Hick's bat was passed on either side before he reached 200, but luckily the ball, pitching on his middle stump, turned too much to hit leg. Though the pitch was a depressing one to bowl on - and in Simon Francis, 19, and Thomas Hansen, 21, a Dane, two of Hampshire's seam

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The power of his pulling was ferocious, especially when off-side balls gave him extra leverage, and some of his cover drives crossed the line within two seconds of leaving the bat. It was a patient, one-paced innings of skill and power but lacking glamour, the landmarks passing with the regularity of mileage indicators on the motorway: 50 off 62 balls, 100 off 129, 150 off 190, 200 off 240, 250 off 319.

Even granted the mediocrity and inexperience of Hampshire's bowling and the ease of the conditions, the exactness of Hick's stroke selection and slide-rule accuracy of his execution

ing a helmet during his six hours at the crease, he may well not have broken sweat all day.

Until Moody passed his hundred he was unrecognisable as one of the most free-scoring batsmen of his era. When the Horton-Graveney record fell, his share was only 117. His hundred was stretched over 217 balls, only 27 more than Hick required to make 150.

Simon Renshaw, at 23 Hampshire's senior seam bowler, stuck to a thankless task courageously and Udal bowled his first 16 overs in one spell for 47, which was admirable with Hick in such form. But for tireless and athletic fielding, Worcestershire might have scored another 40 runs. In that respect, Hampshire were their equals.

RUGBY UNION

Cup organisers to take action next Monday

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

tomorrow will go ahead as scheduled but disciplinary proceedings still hang over the heads of Brive and Pontypridd, the two clubs involved in violence on and off the field ast weekend. Roger Pickering, the chief executive of European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC), will tell a board meeting on Monday that sanctions must be imposed to sustain the credibility of the tournament.

It now seems unlikely that either club will be suspended from the competition, but there is a strong possibility that the return match on September 27 between Ponty-pridd and Brive, due to be at Sardis Road, will be played on neutral territory. That could be in the north of England, or in Scotland, which would punish Pontypridd financially and would also force Brive to play a game that they have said

they will not fulfil.

Pickering heard evidence from both clubs in Dublin on Wednesday and will make his recommendations on Monday, when Pontypridd have also been given the opportunity to send a representative. The notion of a match being played behind closed doors is one that football has used in the past, and, though it sits strangely with rugby union's culture, it would ensure that the competition itself remains

But Pickering has also been angered at the assault on the reputation of the whole competition by the foul play so prevalent at Brive last Sunday and the brawl in the bar that followed and involved players from both clubs. "I have written to the secretaries of all the participating governing bodies asking them to remind their clubs that foul play is totally unacceptable," he said. "It is the responsibility of

individual players, their coaches and team managers to ensure that foul play does not occur. The actions on the field last weekend tarnished the also indicated that ERC would back to the hilt referees who clamped down on foul play. "I have asked the unions to remind their match officials to assert their authority in the strongest possible way and to deal very firmly with any

incidents of foul play on the

THE Heineken Cup matches field, he said. Those players and clubs who fail to play within the rules will face stern disciplinary action.

The actions of players and

referees this weekend will therefore come under a microscope, inside and outside the sport, and it is as well that two disciplinarians. Jim Fleming from Scotland and Gareth Simmonds, of Wales, have been allocated the cup games in France - Toulouse v Leicester and Pau v Caledonia Reds. It is the responsibility of the individual unions to allocate referees and the events of last weekend suggest that they need to pay greater attention to likely trouble spots.

Pontypridd, who play the Scottish Borders in Kelso tomorrow evening, made the remarkable suggestion yester-day that Dale McIntosh and Phil John, both involved in the



McIntosh: Brive offer?

bar-room brawl on Sunday night, had been approached by Brive to play for them next season. "I'm sure it was a serious offer," Eddie Jones, the club team manager, said but Jean-Jacques Madrias, the Brive chairman, responded dismissively: "If they can dream up a story like this, they can't be all there."

Meanwhile Toulouse, beaten by Leicester in the semifinals last season, are likely to restore Fabien Pelous to their back row against the Midinternational, Christian Califano, should have recovered from an infection. Wasps, who play Ulster at Loftus Road their first home match of the season - bring in the Scotland locks, Damian Cronin and Andy Reed, and field Martyn Wood at scrum half.

Welton falls short of first hundred

Sussex go for Gilbert

Rupesh Amin is bowled by Matthew Fleming to end Surrey's innings at Canterbury yesterday. Report, page 44

BY JACK BAILEY

Nottinghamshire won the toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 337 for five wickets against Sussex

AT 10.32am, or thereabouts, on a bright September morning, James Kirtley bowled the third ball of the day. It was fast and of full length. As Matthew Dowman shaped to push to leg and missed, his stumps were knocked all over the place. For Dowman, it was

Guy Welton, 19, and Tim Robinson, twice Welton's age,

added 169 for the second wicket. Then Paul Johnson overshadowed all else with a typically punchy and forth-right 74 off 98 balls; and, although Kirtley, bowling genuinely fast, returned to sabotage both batsmen when centuries beckoned, Sussex, who have to win this match to

DAVE GILBERT, who has

told Surrey he does not wish

to continue as their coach, has

been approached by Sussex to

join them in an administra-

tive role with some responsi-

bility for first-team affairs (Ivo

wait until well into the after-

noon for another success.

a classic case of missing the stand any chance of avoiding boat. On a pitch as true as the championship wooden cutting edge and you need spoon are aire against the tide. In truth, they were up

against it from the moment that they lost the toss. The Sussex attack were willing Trojans, bowling their overs at better-than-regulation speed. That they kept Nottinghamshire within reasonable bounds, owed much to the persistence of Justin Bates, whose off-spin was never col-lared, and that of Mark

has made quite an impact since coming into the team. In this, his fifth match, he looked solid, assured and in possession of a wide range of strokes.

there to dash them.

Robinson soon became the junior partner as Welton went past his third score of more than 40 in four innings. He seemed bound for a maiden century when anxiety betrayed him five runs short and he pushed across Kirtley's

But Kirtley was the only

as this against good players. If getting rid of Dowman lifted

Sussex's hopes, Welton was

The Grimsby-born teenager

By then, Welton had faced 199 balls and hit I2 fours. Robinson had already been caught at square leg and, with Welton out, a glimmer of a breakthrough dawned for Sussex. However, Johnson

had other ideas. There is no better player to watch. You dare not bowl short or at his legs and he is not afraid to lift the ball. With Pollard in support, he ensured that Nottinghamshire re-

RODNEY EYLES, the Aus-

McQuillan writes). tained the upper hand.

SQUASH

Eyles disciplined over Cairo confrontation

tralian world No 2, who leads the Lingfield squad in the British Super League, has been disciplined for breaking the code of conduct of the Professional Squash Association - of which he is the president and a member of the disciplinary board (Colin

The much-respected 30-year-old has been given an official warning for a "threatening act of intimidation against Ahmed Barada, of Egypt, at the Al Ahram International near Cairo last June. It is the first time in a playing career of 15 years that Eyles has incurred any form of disciplinary sanction.

In a match that brought two conduct warnings for each player from the referee, Eyles at one point locked foreheads with Barada and shoved him across the court.

departure of Stuart Edwards. the secretary.

ble", the statement read: "The senior players have always given their support to all members of the playing staff in an effort to bring success to this club. The senior players, whose ability to understand the requirements for success

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis 12, Chicago Cubs 9, Philadelphia 5, Florida 2 (first game), Florida 5, Philadelphia 2 (second game); Houston 8, Pitisburgh 4; Montreal 4, Cinconnati 1; Autanta 10, New York Mets 2, San Diago 5, Colorsdo 4; San Francisco 2, Los Angeles 1

Los Angeles 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 4, Toronto 3;
New York Yankees 6, Detroit 2: Milweukee
8, Bathmore 3, Cleveland 7, Minnesote 6;
Chicago White Sox 8, Kanses City 4: Texas
5, Segtle 4; Anghelm 8, Oakland 4.

BASKETBALL

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Pool match-

MEN'S NATIONAL INCHIT: From instan-es: Aston Adamo 84 Berninghent 77; Derby 84 Menchester 87; London 88 Stevenage 92; Portamouth 59 Solent 82; Slough 38 Catend 72; South Waise 97 Cardiff 57; Stoke Schitculi 84; Taunton 67 Plymouth 95; Teastice 88 Sheffield 61; Tharnes Valley 60 Swindon 77; Ware 88 Nonhampton 85

BOWLS

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Men's pairs: Fourth round: A Gwynne and D Shields bit M Horne and K Weyand 23-18. A Dennington and J Lewis bit K Wood and P Marsh 23-12: A Minchell and J Wilson bit R breakspear and F Hayman 21-16. R Breakspear and F Hayman 21-16. R Briscoe 29-13: R Hopper and E Heafth bit F George and A Monton 29-12. A Stude and A Picher bit S Stughter and B Stughter and B Stughter and C Tichner 24-16. G Strish and G Rossaer bit T Lane and C Alfors 22-14

CRICKET

India v Pakistan

PAKISTAN

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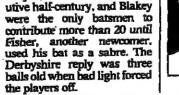
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Ersas (to 1, w 8, nb 3)

Total (3 wkts, 31.5 overs)

MONTO (India won toss) Maich

Sahara Cup



Gilbert: experience

(Fr), 8 Cage, H Clark, F Roce (Sp) S Hurley 78: P Lonard (Aus), R Chagman, C Suneson (Sp), A Hurlor S McAllister 78: D Tapping, N Briggs, S Websier, S Bottomley, F Jacobson (Suel), M Gatles 77: P Curry, J Robson, R Lee, 78: P Walton, J Coceres (Arg) BO: S Purves

Robson, R Lee, 78: P Welton, J Coceres (Arg) 80: S Purves

denotes amateur COLOGNE: Hermessy Cup: First-round scores (38 and lie unless stated): 87: K Pearce (Aus.), M Hjorth (Swe), 71: L Hackney, D Reid, J Mills (Aus), 72: S Carbon (Aus.), N Fink (Ausiria), W Drobs, H Alfredsson (Swe), C Schmill (Fr), 73: H Wadsworth, S Dallongeville (Fr), F Dassu (It), A Berg (Swe), S Prosser, 74: S Ferron (NZ), L Brooky (NZ), K Orum (Den), T Fischer (Ger), M-L de Lorenz (Fr), A Nicholas, J Leary (Aus.), A-M Knight (Aus.), L Maritz (SA), V Stensual (No), 75: F Pie-(Aus.), L Lambert (Aus.), L Davies, F. Marchell, C Louw (Rsa), P Meumer Lebouc (Fr), L Farclough, M Hedbiorn (Swe), M Koch (Ger), K Poppmeer (Austna); A-C Jonasson (Swe), R Camado (Sp), 78: A Gottmo (Swe), G Steven, D Dowling, M Murray, A Amus. (Sp), J Forbes, P Sterner (Swe), I Timing (Den), S Gustelsson (Swe), C Dibresh (Aus.), E Esterl (Ger), S Head.

Tennant writes). Tony Pigott, the chief executive, says he has also made an offer to Chris Adams, who is leaving Derbyshire.

"I am thinking seriously about Tony's approach," Gilbert said. "I have no intentions of returning to Australia and I am looking at day-today involvement with a county club. I have achieved what I wanted to achieve with the players at the Oval. "I shall be staying with

for good, my wife is English

Surrey until Christmas and discussing my plans for the future with them. I will be 37 in December and want to go into administration, financial promotion and marketing before I am too old, but realise I should not neglect the experi-ence I have built as a coach."

Flower blossoms to lead recovery

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GRANT FLOWER and Dave Houghton steered Zimbabwe out of trouble and into a safe position on the first day of the opening Test match against New Zealand in Harare yesterday.

After New Zealand had taken the initiative in the second session - when they reduced Zimbabwe from their lunch score of 30 for nought to 144 for four just before tea two of the home team's most experienced batsmen added an unbroken 61 for the fifth wicket in the final 90 minutes to take the score to 205 for four

at the close. When bad light stopped play with another half-hour still to make up for the 65 minutes lost during the opening session because of an interruption after a heavy shower, Flower was unbeaten on 85 and Houghton was 20

not out. Flower, playing a characteristically watchful innings, was grinding his way towards his third Test century, having batted for five minutes short of five hours. At the other end, Houghton, the player-coach, faced 87 balls in his 97-minute

stay at the crease. With Houghton playing the anchor role, it was Flower who

went on to the offensive after tea, driving Cairns straight off the back foot and slashing Astle backward of point for boundaries.

Earlier, Cairns put New Zealand on top by disposing of Gavin Rennie, making his debut, and Andy Flower in the space of 12 balls. After putting on 47 for the first wicket with Grant Flower, Rennie was caught at first slip by Stephen Fleming in the twentieth over after making 23.

Andy Flower followed in the next over, taken low down at the second attempt by Craig Spearman at third slip for eight with the score on 57.

Guy Whittal, dropped on nought, made a belligerent 33 off 55 balls andshared in a third-wicket stand of 60 with Grant Flower to steady the innings, before being caught at slip off O'Connor.

Alistair Campbell, the Zimbabwe captain, did not last long. After stroking three fours in his first 18 runs, the left-handed batsman was caught at short mid-wicket off the economical Astle.

Zimbabwe also gave Adam Huckle, the leg spinner, a first Test cap, while O'Connor, an opening bowler, made his first appearance for New Zealand. .

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let off steam

DERBY (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Derbyshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 267 runs behind Yorkshire is took three months of dressing-room persistence to batter down the door of official disapproval, but when Derby-

shire allowed their players the right of reply yesterday, in a statement to members, it proved quite painless. What they had to say was unremarkable but, in terms of public relations, it was a veritable crossing of the Rubicon The statement, released at the end of a season that has brought nought for Derby-

shire's comfort, was signed by every senior player except Devon Malcolm and was intended to close the Dean Jones affair, which is the root of the general dissatisfaction. The 22 signatories left their surnames in capital letters at the bottom lords endorsing a round rob-

Since Jones relinquished the captaincy in June and returned to Victoria, citing differences of opinion, the players have been keen to result, the club has become a hothouse of intrigue and the winter break will give everybody the chance to collect their thoughts before the players regroup next spring under the

leadership of Dominic Cork. The breakdown in communication cost Kim Barnett a £1.500 fine, later revoked, and, inter alia, led to the resignation of Mike Horton, the club chairman. Ian Buxton, the cricket chairman, and the

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Describing Jones's depar-ture as "sudden and regretta-

the players off. FOR THE REGORD

ReDIA: "S R Tendulker, S C Genguly, R S Dravid, M Azheruddin, A D Jadeja. R R Singh, 18 S Kenrn, H S Sodin, N Kulkami, A P Kuruvilla, D Mohanty India load series 2-0. Impires: R E Koerisen (South Ainca) and S G Randell (Australia)

GOLF POREST OF ARDEN: British Mesters: Leading first-round scores (GB and he unless stated): 65: M Roe. 67: P Hedblorn

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FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated FOOTBALL wide League

Second division Brensford v Wycombe (7 45) LEAGUE OF WALES: Newtown v Total Net SOUDORS
FALHARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE:
Premier division: St. Painck's Aih v
Shefbourne (7.45) WELSH CUP: First round: Grange Harlequins v Caerau.

CRICKET Britannic Assurance county championship 10 30, second day of lour, 104 overs minimum DERBY: Derbyshire v Yorkshire CHELMSFORD: Esses v Middlesex BRISTOL: Glouceslershire, 'Lancashire SOUTHAMPTON: Hampethre v

CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Durham TAUNTON: Somerset v Glamorgan HOVE: Sussex v Nottinghamshire EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v RUGBY LEAGUE

Johnson, B Pesiana (SA), 78: P Whon; 79. D Bernard, L Navarro (Sp), S Metn (Swe), M Sutton, X Wunsch (Sp), S Mendiburu (Fr), K

Stones Premiership Sami-final St Helens v Castletord (7.30) OTHER SPORT

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation Intercontinental teatherweight Champ-ionship: S Robinson (GB holder) v A Mathabola (SA) (in Southend) GOLF, British Masters (Forest of Arden), Guardian Irish Women's Open (in Dublin) SPEEDWAY: Bite League: Belle Vuo v King's Lyrin (7:30) Peterborough v Poolo (7:45) Premier League: Avena Essor v Hull (8 0) Edmorgh v Newcastle (7:30), Odord v Kile of Wight (7:45)

TENNIS: LTA satelite tournament in Hulli

BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: New castle v Leicoster (7.30)

TOKYO: Women's tournement: Second munc: 1 Basulu Indoj bt M Saelu (Japan) 6-7 6-4 6-2, A Sancrez Vicalo (Sp) bt S Asagoe (Japan) 6-6 0, N Zvereva (Bela) bt Ai Sugnyama (Japan) 6-2 6-3; K Po (US) bt R Hirabu (Japan) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 L Fang (China) bt M-A Vento (Ven) 7-5, 6-2; N Savermatzu (Japan) bt M Endo (Japan) 3-6, 6-4 6-2. Third round: C Martinz (Sp) bt Wang Str-Ing (Tapan) 6-1, 6-3, Doubles: First Inoud: Paix Sung-lee (S Korea) and Wang Sh-Ing bt G Fernandez (US) and Zvertva 2-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Taylor 80: D Booker (Aus), J Head, Morley 81: K Lunn (Aus), N Gole (Aus) SWANSEA: Welsh ladies seniors cham

MB.YON KEYNES: Men's funior world cup: Pool B: Germany 5 Argentina 1. Pool A: Spain 3 Indie 2: Holland 2 Belgium 2. Pool B: England 4 Egypt 1 ICE HOCKEY BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Peter-borough Pirates 5 Stough Jets 5, Cardiff Devits 2 Brackneff Bees 2, Tollord Tigers 0 Newcastle Cobras 6

RUGBY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Nav 12 Barta Great Britain Undor-23 38 (ii Postermouth)

SNOOKER BELING: International Super Chailenge: Quarter-finals: R O'Suliven (Eng) bt Guo Hua (China) 5-2; J Wattane (Thai) bt Pang We Guo (China) 5-4; S Oevis (Eng) bt S Hendry (Sco) 5-0; J White (Eng) bt M Williams (Wal) 5-3

SPEEDWAY ELITE LEAGUE: Poolo 53 Bolle Vue 36: Bradford 59 Eastbourne 31: King's Lynn 46 Coverthy 44 PREMIER LEAGUE: Hull 46 Edinburgh 44 BRADFORD: Golden Garuntiel malch reacs: M Loram (holder) bit A Mognidge CHALLENGE MATCH* Long Eaton 39 Notingham Cutlawa: 51

TENNIS

The party's definitely over for yachtsmen in round-the-world race

Whitbread drinking had to stop

in February 1981, that my Whitbread world race career began, when I plucked up the courage to approach David Bongers, the South African

Bongers had a reputation as a tough guy, a hard sailor and a big drinker and I was quite intimidated by him. But my desire to get my first ride on a Whitbread boat overcame my fear. Bongers, who was to sail on board Padda Kuttel's Xargo III in the next race, agreed to let me help him to deliver a 42-foot yacht across the Atlantic to Ireland. If I made the grade, I would join Kuttel's 1981-82 Whitbread

Four of us left Fort Lauderdale for the 3,000-mile trip to Cork on the Rob Hollanddesigned Recession. This was a boat with somewhat erratic downwind characteristics. I remember, on the second day of the trip, being on watch alone with the spinnaker up as darkness fell and the wind got

I was banging on the deck to attract Bongers's attention and he eventually slid the hatch open. His wild eyes, surrounded by an affro head of hair and beard, demanded to know what the matter was. "We have to take the spinnaker down, we are out of control." I shouted. "If you can't steer, you're a big puss," he replied and went below. I guess that was the day that I learnt to steer downwind in a big blow.

The race boat, Xargo III, was a Sparkman & Stephens blue-water cruising yacht. It was not the ideal racing boat, but it was the one Kuttel had chosen for his first attempt at the Whitbread. Eleven firsttime Whitbread sailors set off on the adventure of a lifetime. We had our own supply of KWV vintage brandy and wine - weight was not the crucial issue it is today. Those were amateur times and we were not answerable to a leading sponsor, so we made

the most of the free parties. Very little maintenance was done to the yachts at the stopovers, because they didn't need it. Instead, the emphasis



As competitors get set for Sunday's start,

Paul Standbridge

says there has never been so much at stake

raced as hard as we could there were occasions when the KWV got the better of us and I remember some dangerous sails calls and even crew missing a whole watch due to overindulging. Our best result on Xargo III was second place

on leg three. in the next race, in 1985 the fourth in the Whitbread series - we got a purpose-built racer, Atlantic Privateer, an 81ft Bruce Fart-designed maxi. Again Kuttel was the ownerskipper, Bongers the sailing master, but the crew were a wild bunch. Misbehaviour in Uruguay before the race, when several ended up in jail. cost us our valuable sponsor.

In the end, the boat sailed most of the race unsponsored, with Kuttel paying the bills. We were first in leg two to Auckland and continued our rampage round the world. This time there was no brandy while we were sailing, but we made up for it when we got ashore. Those were probably the best times we would ever have on a Whitbread, but the times were changing fast.

In 1989, Rothmans arrived with a £6 million budget. With Lawrie Smith as skipper, we were ready for business. Training started at 7am five mornings a week for 13 months! We raced hard, we

WORD-WATCHING

(a) With his wife Sapphira sold his possessions but gave only part of the proceeds to the aporties. Upon being rebuked by Peter, he fell down dead. Ignorant of this fatality, Sapphira came three hours later practising the same deception and, being discovered, also fell

(c) The eldest son of Noah and eponymous progenitor of the Semitic races. With his brother Japheth he managed to cover Noah's nakedness without seeing it. Abraham was descended from him.

(c) A priest. With Nathan the prophet he played a decisive part in securing the throne for Solomon upon the death of David. The Establishment was split between Solomon and his brother Adonijah. Zadok was rewarded with the office of chief priest, which

his family held until the time of the Maccabees. The Sadducees may have got their name from him. Handel's anthem for the coronation

of George II in Westminster Abbey in 1727 begins: "Zadok the Priest and Nathan the Prophet anointed Solomon King..."

Joshua and, with him, the only one of the Israelites who crossed both

the Red Sea out of Egypt and the River Jordan into the Promised Land. Joshua the Son of Nun/ And Caleb the Son of Jephunneh/

Were the only two! Who ever got through! To the Land of Milk and

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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(b) Son of Jephunneh of the tribe of Judah, close comp



The crew of Toshiba put in some late practice on the Solent for the race on Sunday

worked hard and, in our limited free time, we had a cocktail.

It was a very competitive race with ten maxis in hot pursuit of first place. Now we were eating freeze-dried food and sitting on the rail for hours on end. We finished fourth, but the party was most definitely over.

In the last race, in 1993-94, the Whitbread 60 made its first appearance, more like a dinghy than an offshore racing yacht. I was with Smith again on the fully-sponsored

Britain enters into the cup spirit again

Intrum Justitia. The pressure was on like never before - the boats were evenly matched and intense concentration was required to get an edge.

The enjoyment now was in the speed of the boat, not the drunken parties. Intrum set the fastest 24-hour record for a monohull of 428 miles - it was the thrill of a lifetime. We finished second overall in the

So, on Sunday, I am starting my fifth Whitbread, with eight stopovers and ten almost idenToshiba, managed by Team Dennis Conner and skippered by the intense Chris Dickson, and there will be no excuses for coming second. Training starts at 6am, six days a week the sail programme is more complex, the freeze-dried food the same, though there is even less of it in the never-ending quest to save weight.

It is going to be intense. tough and it's going to be my last. We have had the adventure, the fun, the maxis and

Angling for the Nile perch

TELEVISION CHOICE

"I suppose my style is somewhere between Jeremy Clarkson and Michael Palin," says the presenter of this series on international angling, "former top showbiz agent" Liam Dale. Well, it isn't. But if showbiz agent" Liam Dale. Well, it isn't. But if you're into hunting, hooking and landing huge exotic creatures — and weighing them as they writhe and toss — then this is for you (Britain has, after all, "3.5 million passionate anglers"). The churky Liam, sailing with different fishermen each week, will be tracking everything from skate in Scotland to Beluga sturgeon in Kazakhstan. He begins on Lake Nasser in Egypt — 2.400 square miles of freshwater created by the Aswan Dam. His quarry is the Nile perch — a voracious carnivore weighing up to 200lb. To be fair, the anglers throw back most of what they catch and are turned on more by a good light than a kill. are turned on more by a good light than a kill.

Following on the heels of the reelers and baiters, a rather gentler series — a sort of Gardeners' World meets Changing Rooms, well fertilised by the "feelgood" factor. The idea is that "market researchers" buttonhole a logical "victim" such as a new householder with a barren patch of land ask householder with a barren patch of land and ask them what their ideal garden would be. Then they are tricked into spending 48 hours away while Alan Titchmarsh and his team move in, trying to keep within a prearranged budget. Tonight weeds are replanted artistically (the first unsuspecting owner having said she likes a country feel), earth is churned up, turf laid, a patio pegged out, trees planted, even a compost bin, birdbath and barbecue laid on. There is no doubting the eestasy and astonishment of Mary Lowe in Rockland St Mary, Norfolk, when she sees the result.

The Practice

After last week's pilot the series about the idealistic Boston law firm starts in earnest, using the now familiar formula of rapid cutting and panning to highlight several plotlines at once. [Hardly surprising here as writer/producer David Kelley was also responsible for LA Law and Chicago

Intrepid fisherman Liam Dale (BBC2)

Hope). Dylan McDermott, who plays chief mover and shaker Bobby, certainly has the required charisma as he and his team battle for the rights of a terrorised wife and her small son — not for nothing does the lad appear early on in a Robin Hood costume complete with bow and arrows. Then there's a psychotic armed robber, the ongoing (very topical) suing of a giant tobacco firm and the equally ongoing efforts of all the young lawyers to raise enough funding simply to pay their household bills.

BBC2, 10.00pm

End of the line and, though it may seem we have been promised Ulrika Jonsson before, she really does close Nick Hancock's series. She's a bit of an oddball is Ulrika — gorgeous to a fault and proud of it (note the coquettish use of legs and tossing hair) but she also has an almost blokeish sense of humour. Witness her illustration of how Norfs, Country types might cope with one of her pet has a yapping Yorkshire terriers. Other hates include depressing, over-disciplined doctors' surgeries depressing, over-disciplined doctors' surgeries (look out for one of the furniest film clips in the series), sweaty locker-rooms (why are Nick and his guests so preoccupied with knickers and dirty socks?, school hockey and American television's obsession with non-stop keep-fit channels. Hit and miss the series may have been, but the hits have far outnumbered the misses.

Elizabeth Cowley

RADIO CHOICE

Kalcidoscope Feature: Rocket Man and the

Radio 4, 9.30pm The second and final part of Paul Gambaccini's interview with Elton John, which for frankness and an absence of prevarication takes some beating. The troubles of wealthy artistes are not beating. The mouties of weating artistes are not normally a cause to detain most of us for long but John is so up-front and indeed matter-of-fact about his troubles in the 1980s that the listener is compelled to feel for the man. John clearly prolonged his drug dependency by convincing himself that fame and money meant he needed no help, a conviction which faded after he had seturned to drug to execute the listened to drug the listened to the returned to drugs several times. John says that it was 16 years before he was able to admit that he needed help. Once he did, he started to recover.

RADIO 1

7.00mm Mark Raddille 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs, Includes 12.30pm Newsbest 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greaning 6.15 Newsbest 6.30 Pete Tong, Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rep Show with Tim Washwood 2.00mm Chartle Jordan

RADIO 2

6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.20pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewert 5.05 Johnnis Wolker 7.00 Denis Cuilley Shares the Best of Times 7.30 Friday Night is Music Might. The BRC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth, from the Opera House, Budon. With guest singers Jacquasyn Fugelle, John Cashmore and guitarest Juan Mortin 9.15 The Tailor of Partarna. John le Carri reads part seven of his book. Pandel invents a major international consumacy 9.30 Listen to the Band. Frank Renson presents and conducts a session from the Desford Colliery Band in Leoestershire 10.00 The Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley 12.05em Charles Nove 4.00 Diane Louise

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00xm The Bresklast 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Atan Green's Sportstalk 8.30 Finday Sport, Includes second-nalf commentary on Brentford v Wycombe Wanderers David Case presents the Nationwide League action from Griffin Park. Plus golf news from the British Masters 10.00 Paper Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.00mm Up Alf Night With Richard Dailyn 5.00 Morning Reports

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8.30am Psul Rosa and Carol McGiffer 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Keily 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszore 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00em Mike

The BBC Archive

Radio 3, 2pm

This is a new series but not a new programme. It used to be called Mining The Archive but now returns with a more determinist BBC label, part of a trend throughout the corporation to ensure the assets are maximised and properly described: note the BBC Proms instead of the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts. The BBC has such a wealth of material that a series like this could run forever without straining and there are some real gens ahead, including live concerts transmitted during the Blitz. This being Radio 3, the emphasis is musical but the context often makes the recording more than a mere artistic artifice. Paul Guinery mines the archive with Simon Rooks, the BBC's

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Close Encounters 7.45 The Way We Are 8.00 News 8.15 Ott the Shelf. Red Owert 8.30 Music Review 9.00 News; News in German (648 only) 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Performance 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 The Learning World 10.30 BBC English: Speaking of English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Newsdesk 11.30 Plants of Power 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 pms Focus on Faith 1.00 News, News in German (648 only) 1.06 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Ends of the World 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack Alternative 4.00 News 4.05 Footbell Edita 4.15 A Step Too Far 4.30 Science in Action; News in German (648 only) 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 The World Today 6.30 The Insider's Guide; News in German (648 only) 6.00 The Insider 5 Guide; News in German (648 only) 6.00 News 6.15 The World Today 6.30 The Insider's Guide; Newsdesk 7.30 Focus on Faith 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 9.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Newsdesk 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sport 12.00 News 12.05mn Outlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The World Today 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Form the Weekles 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Form the Weekles 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Form the Weekles 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Form the Weekles 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Form the Weekles 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Form the Weekles 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Form the Weekles 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Form the Weekles 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Newsdesk 2.30 People and Politics 4.00 News 4.05 St.siness 4.15 Sport 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Off the Shelf

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Listener Request Hour 2.00 Concerto. Tchalkovsky (Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat major) 3.00 Jamie Cnok 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. J-M Damase (Sonata to Flute and Harp) 8.00 Evening Concert. Beethoven (Symphony No 4; Symphony No 7) 10.00 Nichael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (r) 4.00 Sally Peterson.

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ and Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Howard Pearca

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes
Handel (Coronation Anthem No 1, Zadok the
Priest); Fauré (Theme and Variations); Albeniz, arr
Stokowski (Festival in Seville); Vivaldi (Cello
Sonata in B flat); Puccini (Vissi d'Arte, Tosca)
9.00 Moming Collection, with Penny Gore Includes
C.P.E Bach (Concerto in E flat), Beritot (La Belle
Voyageuse): Biss (A Colour Symphony)
10.00 Mursical Encounters, with Stephane Hughes
Includes Suk (Towards a New Life), Dvořák (Violin
Sonatina in Gj. Smetana (Vitava, Ma Viast);
Handel (Sonata in B minor); Koechlin (Seven
Slars' Symphony, 7th myt); Surinach (Hollywood
Camival) Mozari (Ah, Lo Previdii, K272); Martinu
(The Frescoes of Piero della Francesca)
12.00 Composer of the Week Clementi
1.00pm News; Pisendel at the Court of Dresden,
Nicholas Anderson presents music by Johann
Georg Pisendel and his contemporaries,
performed by Collegium Musicum 90 under Simon
Standage, Vivaldi (Violur Sonata in D minor);
Benederto Marcello (Double Concerto in F); Vivaldi
(Violm Sonata in G minor); Pisendel (Concerto in E
flat for Two Oboes and Bassoon; Sonata in A
minor for Solo Violn; Violn Concerto in D) (3/3) (r)
2.00 The BBC Archive. See Choice
4.00 Music Mechina. Torrimy Pearson explores ways
in which flutes are used across different cultures
of the world

of the world 5.00 in Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Includes Stravinsky (Suits: The Firebird); Françaix (Piano Concertino): of the world

Milhaud (Le Bosuf sur le Tort)

7.30 Performance on 3. A concert given at the Chur, of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Clerkenweil, as pan of the 1995 Clerkenweil Series, Margaret Feavour, soprano, Andrew Murgatroyd, tenor, Gordon Hunt, oboe, Michael Berkeley, marrator, BBC Singers, New London Orchestra, under Ronald Corp. Defius (Summer Night on the River, On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring); Anthony Milner (Roman Spring); Marcel Wengler (Oboe Concerto); Vaughan Williams (An Oxford Elegy)

8.55 Postscript: The Landscapes of Man Arrid the current inferes in the environment, this programme investigates innovative schemes to repair industrial scars and a new flowening of landscape design talent (5/5) (r)

9.20 Muste for Organ, Graham Barber plays the fourmanual Walker organ in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Reger (Prelude and Fugus in E; Chorale Pantasia on Wachet Auf)

10.00 Hear and Nore. Andrew Sparing visits the 1997 Vale of Glernogen Ferting Institute for the fire the first the fire the

Chorale Fantasia on Wachet Auf)

10.00 Hear and Now. Andrew Sparling visits the 1997
Vale of Glamorgan Festival Includes the first
performance of Mar Richter's A House Made of
Cloud and Eleanor Alberga's Wild Blue Yonder
The performers include the composers
themselves, the Smith Quartet and a percussion
quartet led by Chris Brannick

11.30 Composer of the Weelc Verdl (f)
12.30am Songs from Saturm. Jez Nelson investigates
the story of the jazz band leader Sun Ra, the jazz
band leader who said he came from Saturn
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 Speak After the Beep (5/5) 8.58

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Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Dises. Sue Lawley's castaway is the opera singer and actor Willard White

9.45 Feedback. Presented by Chris Dunkley

10.00 News; Libel (FM). Libel barrister Manuel Barca presents maverick courtroom drames which created a sensation in their day. In his bestseller, Evodus, Leon Uris mentioned by name a prisoner-doctor at Auschwitz who performed experiments in surgery without anaesthetic The doctor sued and both won and lost his case (5/5)

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Gall Foley

11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by Joanna Prinock.

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12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker.
12.25pm Derek Cooper's Necessary Pleasures. A celebration of strawbornes (r) 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke.
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast (LW).
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Lorna Doone. The first part of Barry Letts's adaptation of R.D. Blackmore novel (r).

novel (r)
3.00 News; the Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News; the Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaletdoscope. Tim Marlow looks at
the works of art currently exhibited in the Royal
Academy, and reviews Zoe Wanarnaker in a

version of Sophocles's Bactra

4.45 Short Story: Patience, by Frances Galleymore read by Ann Beach (r)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Str O'Clock News

6.30 Going Piaces. Survival expert Hugh McManners climbs Pen-y-Fan in the Brecon Beacons

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle

8.05 Any Questions? In the first of a new series.

Jonathan Dimbelby chairs a topical discussion in Fowlmere, Hertfordshire. The panellists are Michael Ancram, MP: Jackle Ballard, MP. Peter Hain, MP, and Mary Ann Sleghart, assistant editor of The Tranes

Michael Ancram, MP, Jackie Ballard, MP, Poter Hain, MP, and Mary Ann Steghart, assistant editor of The Times

8.50 Three Writers in Search of a Character, John Florance talks to Juliet Barker, Steve Davies and Glyn Hughes about Wuthering Heights (3/4)

9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaledoscope Feature. See Choice

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedfitme: Stories by Mark Twath. Read by Kelsey Garmer (5/5)

11.00 Do Go On, with Airlsey Elliot and guests (3/4)

11.25 Tes Junction, with Pathok Harman and guests

1.45 Beyond the Millennium, Dr Clement Bezold tet.

2010 (2/5)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Debt to Pleasure, by John Lanchester (10/10) (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)

1.00 As World Service

Bath and MIT. In the core group is lan Howlett, who will design two race boats, and the sail-maker. Angus

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE British America's Cup campaign for Auckland in 2000 yesterday came into the open with an impressive presentation of its design and research programme and the announcement of

the principal technical partners. If there remained doubts as to who will lead the sailing side. Lawrie Smith took the afternoon off from his preparations for the Whitbread round-theworld-race to be confirmed officially at Gosport as the "director of sailing" for the campaign. The syndicate, which operates under the auspices of the Royal Dorset Yacht Club, hopes to

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capture the public imagination under the title Spirit of Britain.

Smith is planning to go straight from the Whitbread race, which starts from Cowes on Sunday, into the America's Cup build-up. He will decide who will sail on the boat, who will steer it and all aspects of the onthe-water programme. He said British sailors would predominate and the best available talent would be picked.

Smith named John Merricks, the Olympic silver medallist, as an example of the up-and-coming stars he would be looking at and did not rule out working with Chris Law, the veteran match-racer.

The syndicate is led by Professor

Andrew Graves, of the University of Melrose. The main technical partners are the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency at Gosport, where the syndicate will have its first office, the universities of Bath, Bristol and Southampton, Silicon Graphics, SP Systems, the British Marine Industries Federation and the Parametric Technology

Corporation. Although the design capability is effectively in place, the syndicate still requires most of its estimated £15 million budget, for which it targets major commercial companies. Melrose said he hoped boat building could begin in 12 months. Prof Graves believes the campaign

 which will mark Britain's return to the America's Cup after being absent for the last three - should be the first of a series of tilts at international sailing's biggest prize. He wants the Spirit of Britain to demonstrate the best in British engineering, design and sailing talent and hopes for government support and backing from the National Lottery.

In the recent past, he said, British know-how had been used to win the Cup by foreign-based syndicates. Now it was time for Britain to use those resources itself.

SPEEDWAY

Hancock's friend turns foe

BY TONY HOARE

GREG HANCOCK, the world championship leader, goes into the final grand prix of the season tomorrow night knowing that the only man with a realistic chance of stopping him from taking the title is his closest friend in the

Billy Hamill, the world champion, is second in the standings and insists that there will be no favours in Vojens, Denmark, as he chases a second world title. The pair, both 27 and American, were team-mates

with Cradley Heath, the Brit-

ish League team, from 1990

until last season and also

form the most successful rac-

ing outfit in speedway, Team Exide. Hancock, who has

won two grands prix this year. holds a 12-point lead in the world championship stand-ings and needs to finish at least fifth in the Danish grand prix to secure the crown. Should he finish lower than

fifth, however, and his teammate win the meeting, then Hamili will become the first rider in ten years successfully to defend the world title. Hamill said: "It was a lifetime achievement to win last year and I am striving to win it again. It would be great to do it back-to-back. I am the only guy who can stop Greg now and that is what I am aiming

"It will be no holds barred. I wouldn't expect that from Greg if the situation was

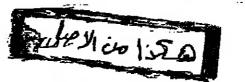
turned and I'm sure h doesn't expect it from me. We are both striving for the same "For Greg to win would be a major achievement and I

would be very happy for him, as he was for me last year. If he has won, then so be it and I will be there to enjoy the celebration party. Until then, my eyes are on the world championship." Hancock said: "I am expect-

ing no favours from Billy ause he has everything to go for as well. Winning the world championship means everything to me and I want to go and fulfil my dream. I am looking forward to coming away with the world championship."

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The very model of a television science show

are in charge of a national TV channel. A producer are in charge of a national comes to you with an idea for a scientific programme. It seems, she says, that some of the principles of alternative medicine might not be entirely wrong after all and that there is some small scientific evidence that one's state of mind might be able to exert some equally small effect on the state of one's health. You're interested.

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The programme you commission is: a) It's All In The Mind!, a fast-paced, early evening studiobased show in which Russell Grant, Carol Vorderman and Zoe Ball show us, with the help of puppet warthogs Tweaky and Twonk, ust how the new research means those wacky alternative medics might have got it right after all. Mind Over Matter!, a live

and lively debate between the High Poobah of the Confederation of Homoeopaths, the press officer

test for you. Imagine: you of high street needle franchise more claims for their findings than Acupuncture Is Us. our own Dr Thomas Stuttaford and an audience of assorted suited clinicians and sandal-wearing New Agers. moderated by Robert Kilroy Silk, who gets his teeth smacked when he intervenes in a fistfight between an irate reflexologist from Bootle and the President of the Royal College of Podiatrists.

c) Don't Mind Me!, in which suave, dinner-jacketed hypnotist Paul McKenna demonstrates the uncanny power of the mind by persuading a barmaid from Wythenshawe that she's Carol Vorderman singing Heartbreak Hotel to an audience of Korean nuns.

d) Mind Over Body, an episode of Horizon (BBC2) in which the people who actually did the research talk about their work engagingly and prove that a cracking narrative can be carved out of a tale of scientific discovery without ever needing to make any

the results allow.

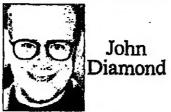
f you answered (a) there's a great job for you on prime-I time TV, filling the quota for scientific programming with something which is near enough to science to fool the punters - who'd otherwise probably be watching Coronation Street anyway.

If (b) then, like so many daytime TV producers, you understand that true scientific debate is about personalities rather than results. If (c), you're a Channel 3 sort of guy or gal - you know that science needn't be boring old men with test-tubes, but can be fun, fun, fun! Provided that you leave out all that scientific stuff. If (d), you were responsible for my getting down on my knees last night and thanking the Lord for the BBC. Horizon is one of the few

remaining places in television

where they take science seriously

REVIEW



and where the production staff see their secondary duty -- the primary one being to the viewers - as ing to science rather than to tabloid headlines.

Mind Over Body looked at one of those apparently commonsense-propositions, the sort of thing that 'everybody knows": that positive thinking helps to cure disease. Certainly since I started writing about my own illness in this paper from readers telling me that it's a proven fact that those who think the right thoughts stand a better chance of recovering from cancer.

in fact, any other than anecdotal proof for this belief is hard to find. We'd like to believe it to be true. and so much of pop science on TV nowadays is about what we'd like to believe rather than about what is proveably the case.

The problem is that the idea of the mind's affecting the body's chemical and mechanical process es contravenes 20th-century science's credo that the two work entirely independently of each other. Prove otherwise and suddenly all sorts of medical impossibilities are wiped out.

On any other channel Mind Over Body would have been dragged into the sceptic-orthodoxy versus credulous-alternative-heterodoxy rough-house; Horizon avoided that fight because it

I've had any number of letters understood that the real tussle is between science and science. It understood that when science takes an element of the alternativist's creed and proves through experimentation that a phenomenon is replicable and consistent, this is a substantiation of science rather than of the alternativist's anti-science.

> The programme's great trick is in maintaining its tight focus. Last night's story was a simple one: that of the relationship between particular neurochemicals and particular parts of the immune system. It started quietly - with the story of a young girl who was trained to replicate mentally the effect of taking a chemical remedy for her overactive immune system - and progressed in a restrained way through some of the other work in the new field of psycho-neuroimmunology, including one

study which seemed to take as its starting point the belief that marriage is of itself a stressful estate. At no point was anybody tempt-

ed to make more of the results than they could or should. On lesser programmes, those with an eye to their Light Ents rivals on the other side, this would have drifted into a speculative look at what the repercussions might be if the research is taken further.

Here the producer kept to the show's brief: at every point it was emphasised that the results show the brain may interact with the immune system and may be able to extend life - but that isn't the same as saying that pure thoughts can cure illness.

It wasn't the most important scientific programme, nor the most gripping. But in an age in which science is so often seen as an incomprehensible threat, it was a model of what science on TV can,

CHANNEL 5

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (43722) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98914703) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (2789600) 9.30 Style Challenge Two tap-dancing pensioners (1527600) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (5649161)

10.35 Change That (1739987) 11.00 News (T) Regional News and weather

11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (9041074) 11.35 Room for Improvement Denise Waterman visits a church converted into a stylish home by restaurateur Bernadette O'Shea. Last in series (2612074) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6571277)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (9786068) 12.35 Going for a Song (9762529) WALES: 12.35 Referendum Results (5726223) 1.00 News (1) and weather (58567)

1.30 Regional News (T) (17586155) 1.40 The Weather Show (87441068) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (77392548) 2.10 Quincy Two apparently unrelated murders intrigue Quincy (r) (8996857)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (1074) 3.30 Playdays (8328703) 3.50 Dear Mr Barker (1762616) 4.05 Bananaman (3898093) 4.10 To Me, to You Last in series (T) (4832093) 4.35 Agent Z and the Penguin from Mars (r) (T) (6826432) 5.00 Newsround (T) (9165068) 5.10 Blue Peter

(T) (5127364) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (329906) 6.00 News (T) and weather (529) 6.30 Regional News (7) (109)

7.00 Weekend Watchdog With Anne Robinson, Includes advice on plenning a cheaper weekend break Plus: an examination of the success of the Manchester United phone card (1) (7105)

7.30 Top of the Pops (1) (203) 8.00 Veta in Practice New year brings new problems for the new vals. Trude treats a swallowed a toy: Alison and her boyfriend face a momentous decision; Julie restarts

her career in Runcom (T) (2703) 8.30 Keeping Up Appearances Comedy with Patricia Routledge (r) (T) (1838) 9.00 News (T) and weather (3890)

9.30 Dangerfield: Blood Money Good Semaritan Al offers sanctuary to a mugging victim, only to discover her guest is involved in smuggling illegal immigrants into Britain as cheap labour

10.20 Parkinson: The Interviews Michael Parkinson introduces an archive interview with Bob Hope (T) (991567)

11.00 Uncommon Valour (1983) starring Gene Hackman and Patrick Swayze A Vietnam veteran takes the law into his own hands when the authorities fail to track down his missing son. Directed by Ted Kotcheff (T) m Forced Vengeance (1982) Chuck

Nomis high-kicks his way, as a Vietnam veteran turned security man, through this martial arts thriller directed by James Fargo (2534846) 2.10 Weather (1656136)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Social Problems and Social Welfare (4639703) 6.25 Modelling in the Money Markets (4658838) 6.50 Selling (5456838) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4596258)

7.30 Smurfs Adventures (r) (6687635) 7.55
Cartoon Critters (r) (7) (5519513) 8.20
William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (3291659)
8.25 Wishing (r) (7349567) 8.35
Teletubbies (r) (1264703) 9.00 Harry and the Hendersons (T) (2788971) 9.25 Flash Gordon (r) (3057093) 9.45 Rocky Star (b/w) (8852890) **9.50** Cartoon (8777155) **10.00** Teletubbies (20242)

10.30 The Lone Rider in Ghost Town (1941 b/w) Musical western with George Houston as the harmonic horseman. Directed by Sam Newfield (3877364)

11.25 The Fugitive (b/w) (r) (T) (6113616) 12.15pm Unspeakable Verse (r) (7323703) 12.30 Working Lunch (88056) 1.00 The Little Poler Bear (r) (73665451) 1.05 Pingu (r) (73664722) 1.10 The Craft Hour (7882744) 2.10 Consuming sions (11460109)

2.20 Racing from Newbury A tour-race card featuring the 2.40; 3.10; 3.40 and 4.10 4.30 Going, Going, Gone (6825703) 4.55 Esther: Astrology (6841154) 5.30 Today's

the Day (258) 6.00 Star Trek Kirk's reunion with an old triend tums sour (r) (1) (171093) 6.50 The X Philes (857967)

7.00 The Whitbread Round the World Race Preview (8797) 7,30 Motormonth The climax of the British Rally Championship; the battle for the Ashes in the Bathurst 1000; and the

Super Touring Championship (635) WALES: Wales Today Devolution 8.00 The Big Catch New series. Liam Dale fishes for the

legendary Nile perch (1) (8695) 8.30 Ground Force New series. Alan Tiichmarsh tran Norfolk garden in just two days (2180) 9.00 Red Dwarf (1) (1432)

9.30 Shooting Stars: The Best Bits (I)



Llirika Jonsson's pet hates (10pm)

10.00 Room 101 Urika Jonsson chooses and justifies her pet hates. Last in series (73703) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (674548)

11.15 VR 5 Sydney gets involved with an underhand bank clerk (642109) 12.00 Walking on Thin loe Last in series (1001961)

12.10am Japanese Manga (3426265) 12.40 Akira (1988) Animation set in 21st-Century Japan, directed by Katsuhiro Otomo (914372) 2,40 Weather (7068198)

6.00am GMTV (7402819) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (2785884) 9.55 Regional News (T) (1315345) 10.00 The Time, the Place (T) (24068) 10.30 This Morning (T) (18123548) 12.20pm HTV News (6560161) (6586109) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9685426)

12.55 WALES: Referendum '97: Wales Decides Reaction from across Wales to the results of the Welsh Assembly Reterendum (9766345) 12.55 Dogs with Dunbar (9766345) 1.25

Home and Away (T) (58490906) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (r) (3690890) 2.50 WALES: What's My Line? (6077819) 2.50 Garden Calendar (1) (6077819) 3.20 News (T) (4097451) 3,25 Regional News (T) (4096722)

3.30 Jay's World (r) (1680068) 3.40 Kipper (7416600) 3.50 Oscar and Friends (7412884) 4.00 Roger and the Roltentrolls (2829987) 4.15 Hurricanes (4826432) 4.40 Fun House (T) (7423819)

5.10 A Country Practice (2592600) 5.40 News (1) and weather (499684) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (648839) 6.25 HTV Weather (359635) 6.30 HTV News (T) (277) about the pills (T) (1451)

7.30 Coronation Street Steve finds himself in deep trouble with Alan (1) (161) 8.00 The Bill CID and uniform branches compete against each other in an attempt to solve the most crimes (1) (4971)



Supernatural Michael Aspel (8.30pm)

8.30 Strange But True Michael Aspel introduces more true-life stories of the supernatural (T) (6906) 9.00 CHOICE The Practice Drama series set in a Boston public delence

practice (T) (4277) 10.00 News (T) and weather (77529) 10.30 Regional News (T) (387136) 10.40 WALES: Referendum '97: Wales Decides Analysis of the results (951109)

10.40 Late and Live (9367109) 11.15 WALES: The Big Story: Public Sharring (162249) 11.45 WALES: Weekly World News (663242)

12.10am WALES: The LADS (T) (3453339) 12.10 Short Story Cinema (3453339) 12.40 The Paul Ross Show (5708827) 2.10 Young Einstein (1989) stamng and directed by Yahoo Serious with Odile Le Clezio and John Howard. Off-beat telling Clezio and John Howard. Off-beat telling

ol Einstein's humble beginnings growing up in the Tasmanian outback (2986865) National Amateur Garden Show (97224662) 4.05 Collins and Maconle's Movie Club (r) (53202846) 4.35 Coach (r) (31466372) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (59778) 5.30 News (19575)

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As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9768345) 2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (6077819) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2592600) 6.25-7,00 Central News (604906) 10.40 Central Weekend Live (9357109)

12.10am Campus Cops (3453339) 2.10 The LADS (9349952) 2.45 Box Office America (7233001) 3.50 Heiter Skeiter (4770469)

4.40 Central Jobfinder '97 (8822399) 5.20 Asian Eye (1142914)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (9766345) 1.25 Dressing Up (66931118) 1.55 Westcountry Update (77390180)

2.25-3,20 Blue Heelers (5399862) 5.10-5,40 Home and Away (2592600) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (58631) 10.30 Westcountry News (976068)

10.45 Digance Revived (413548) 11.45 Hunter (358258)

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12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9766345) 1.50 Serve You Bight (77308109) 2.20-3,20 Highway to Heaven (8239971) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2592600) 6.00-7,00 Meridian Tonight (58631)

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6.23 Anglia Weather (350364) 6.25-7.00 Anglis News (604906) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (384600)

10.30 Anglia News Extra (86277) 11.00 Film: The Haunted Palace (148364)

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (31890) 9.00 Something So Right (87906) 9.30 Film: Half Angel (4107971) 10.55 Exposed (9964971) 11.00 The Great Outdoors (6364) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (7093) 12.00 me Street (94242) 12.30pm Baby Baby (21884) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (83939529) 1.15 Slot Symiadau Sali (83854884) 1.30 My Wife's Relations (77380703) 1.55 Film: The Corn is Green (61825884) 4.00 Bewitched (890) 4.30 Out of Africa (154) 5.00 5 Pump (5036722) 5.15 Nics Nain (9180513) 5.30 Countdown (426) 6.00 Newyddion (463277) 6.15 Heno (249513) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (740258) 7.25 (249513) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (740258) 7.25 Byd Arall (629155) 8.00 Yma Mae Nghan (2513) 8.30 Newyddion (89703) 9.30 Short Stories: The Bridge (14548) 10.00 Brookside (973161) 10.35 Friends (495242) 11.05 Jo Brand Show: Like it or Lump it (332600) 11.35 King of the Hill (485906) 12.05em TFI Friday (9060989) 1.05 Film: The Way of the Dragon (725001) 2.50 Robin (7066730) 3.00 Film: Things to Come (979001) 4.40 Lost for Words (84740223)

CHANNEL 4 5,55em Sesame Street (36432) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (31890) 9.00 Something So

9.30 Half Angel (1951) Cornedy with Loretta Young as a prim nurse whose personality changes when she sleepwalks. Directed by Richard Sale (4107971)

10.55 Exposed: Graduation ceremonies (9964971) 11,00 The Great Outdoors (r) (6364) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Parrotlish and crab salad; spicy lamb with fruit and

veg; baked bananas, lemon and rum sauce (T) (7093)

12.00 Sesame Street (94242) 12.30pm Baby Baby (21884) 1.00 Light Lunch (r) 2.00 Five Fingers (1952, b/w) stamng James Mason and Michael Rennie. A clerk in the British Embassy in Ankara during the Second World War sells secrets to the

Nazis. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz

4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (890) 4.30 Countdown (T) (6747971) 4.55 Rickl Lake (T) (3390682) 6.30 Absolutely Animals (4/8)

(r) (T) (426) 6.00 TFI Friday with Chris Evans. The guests Include Robbie Coltrane (58613)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (823364) 7.55 Get Sorted Carpet cleaning (262180) 8.00 Garden Party A visit to the Garden in Mind in West Sussex (T) (2513)

8,30 Brookside Will baby Corkhill prove too much of a temptation for Susannah? Is Danny's triendship with Tinhead getting out of hand? (T) (4548)



Rachel and Ross on the rocks? (9pm)

9.00 Friends: The One with All the Jealousy Ross overreacts when Rachel begins working with a handsome young man (1) (722838)

9.35 Cybill: True Confessions Cybili realises the role she has to play in Ira's production is based on Maryann (T) (432426) 10,00 Frasier Niles lends Martin and Shorry his apartment for the night — but gets back

early (T) (95971) 10.30 Jo Brand: Like it or Lump it Stand-up and sketches (T) (953567) 11.05 King of the Hill Adult animation (T)

11.35 TFI Friday (r) (683762)

12.35am The Way of the Dragon (1973) Kung tu drama written, directed, produced by and starring Bruce Lee (460136) 2.20 Robin Adult animation (8463001)

2.30 Things to Come (1936, b/w) H.G.
Wells's vision of the future, starring
Raymond Massey. Directed by William
Cameron Menzies (T) (939223) 4,10 Lost for Words A black comedy starring Peter Capaldi (r) (53209759) 4.40 Takeover TV (r) (64749223) 5.10 Fluke (r)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (7204616) 7.30 USA High (r) (5395797)

8.00 Havakezoo (3813659) 8.30 WideWorld The impact of computers on 9.00 Espresso (7746161) 10.00 Exclusive (r)

10.30 Land of the Lion: After the Rains (r) (T) (4368744)

11.00 Leeza (1364722) 11.50 Double Espresso (69693638) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7673056) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9873616) 1.00 5 News (85947838) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8549890) 2.00 5's Company (8510451) 3.30 She'll Take Romance (1990) starring

Linda Evans and Tom Skerritt. A comedy about a television weathergirl who is persuaded by her bosses to judge a "Romantic Man" contest. Directed by

Piers Haggard (8600567) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (11181277) 5.30 Move on Up (1) (9099093)

6.00 100 Per Cent (9096906) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (9087258) 7.00 Name That Tune Music quiz, presented by Jools Holland (8069529)



Out and about with Sally (8.00pm)

8.00 Attractions Leisure time ideas, intro-(8078277)

8.30 5 News (T) (8984884) 9.00 The Lady Forgets (1989) with Donna Mills and Greg Evigan. A mystery thriller directed by Bradford May (96444567)

10.50 La Femme NBdta Action adventure series (2495529) 11.45 Girl on a Motorcycle (1968) starring Marianne Faithfull and Alain Delon. An erotic tale of a newlywed, already fired of, her boring schoolmaster husband, who decides to go to join her former lower. Jack Cardiff directs (3102971)

1.25am Johnnie Mae Gibson: FBI (1986) with Lynn Whitfield A drama about a policewornan who is chosen for a lop secret assignment involving the infiltration of a gun-running operation. Directed by Bill Duke (7628049)

3.10 Tomorrow We Live (1942, b/w) with John Clements Propaganda drama about a British agent in occupied France. Directed by George King (90271020) 4.40 Burke's Law Delective series (5991579) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7638198)

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6.00am Moming Glory (404838) 9.00 Regis and Kathie Lies (13093) 10.00 Another World (92971) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (86635) 12.00 Oprah Wintery (62155) 1.00pm Geraldo (44703) 2.00 Safy Jessy tel (47703) 2.00 Jerny Jones (51529) Rephael (41703) 3.00 Jerniy Jones (a1aza) 4.00 Oprah Winfrey (63384) 5.00 Star Trak. The Next Generation (7600) 6.00 Real TV (6690) 6.30 Married ...with Children (4242) 7.00 The Simpsons (5529) 7.30 M*A*S*H (8646) 8.00 Highlender (83816) 9.00 Walker, Texas Renger (86180) 10.00 Best of bizz (20636) 10.30 Eat My Sports (33155) 11.00 Star Trek The Next Generation Letterman (93136) 1.00em Hit Max Long

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5.00 Canadian Bacon (1994) (35567)
7.00 Big (1988) (93684) 8.00 The Bridges
of Madison County (1985) (6855890)
11.15 The Movie Show (630083) 11.45
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(623339) 4.45 The Stone Boy (1984)
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4.00pm West Side Story (1961) (1908161) 5.30 Two of a Kind (1983) (9407906) 8.00 The Duchees and the Dirivator Fox (1976) (3962258) 10.00 Battle of the Bulge (1965) (5904451) 12.30am Predator (1987) (2060643) 2.20 The Devit Fildes Out (1988) (12495469)

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(5037440) 2.30 Close SKY SPORTS 3

EUROSPORT 7.30am Motors Magazine (17548) 8.30 World Air Games (11906) 9.30 Football Under 17 (65703) 11.00 European Cup Winners Cup First Round First Leg (63155)

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Winness Cup his natural Matersports Maga-2ne (70797) 2.00 Cycling: Tour of Spain — Live (27426) 3.30 World Ar Games — Live (67971) 5.00 Footbell (32093) 7.00 World Air Games (30548) 8.00 Tractor Pulling (43068) 9.00 Borng (29432) 10.00 Sumo (43068) 9.00 Bootog (29432) 10.00 Sumo (39819) 11.00 Fun Sports (97345) 11.30 Bodybuilding (21242) 12.30am Close

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6.00am Dumbo (45141) 6.30 Lamb Chop (6699) 7.00 Chip 'n' Dale (34548) 7.30 Cuack Pack (40155) 8.00 Onossuis (83797) 8.30 Bonkers (82089) 9.00 Gunmi Bears (79548) 9.30 Grounding Marsh (15839) 10.00 Sesame Street (42567) 11.00 Humy Pot (5109180) 11.15 Rock and Jim (4278242) 11.40 Sing Me a Story (3627123) 12.00 Big Garage (7786722) 12.45pm Winne the Pooh (2593600) 1.00 Sosame Street (14109) 2.00 Aniazing Animals (2529) 2.30 Care Bears (8267)

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Magic Box (8629242) 9.30 Dudley the
Dragon (6017819) 10.00 Inspector Geoglet
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8.00pm The Prisoner (1477600) 9.00 Burning Zone (1560384) 10.00 Tour of Duty (1563451) 11.00 Fig.Nt; Hell Up to Harrism (1973) (6829905) 1.00em Burning Zone (7222365) 2.00 Tour of Dury (9007575) 3.00 FILM: Hell up in Harlem (1973) (1586662) 5.00 Alem Nation (1363646) PARAMOUNT COMEDY

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4.00pm History's Turning Points (4076548) **4.30** Air Ambulance (4065432) 5.00 Next Step (6363155) 5.30 Jurassica 2 (4983884) 8.00 Wild Guide (4980797) 6.30 Wild Sanctuanes (4077277) 7.00 Invention (6456819) 7.30 History's Turning Points (4066161) 8.00 Hunters (1553074) 9.00 New Detectives (1573838) 10.00 Justice Files (1470797) 11.00 The Falklands War (3796267) 12.00 The Falklands War (3796267) 12.00 Special Forces (5434643) 12.30am Air Ambatanno (5434643) The Russian Revolution (8990204) 1.30 Next Step (6516488) 2.00 Close

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THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm The Great Days of the Century (7454093) 5.00 Gambinos: The First Family of Crime (5835426) 7.00 Biography: Hydni-te (1430426) 8.00 Close

CHALLENGE TV

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Surface tension dominates proceedings in key championship encounter

Kent pitch in for final assault

CANTERBURY (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 93 runs ahead of

KENT have committed themselves to a dangerous game in their efforts to bring home the county championship for the first time in 19 years. Charged with taking maximum points from their final match and hoping that Glamorgan make errors at Taunton, their strategy was breathtakingly high-risk and looks like costing them three bonus batting points — if not worse — and leaving them reliant on Glamorgan being held to an unlikely draw.

The events of the first day at Canterbury could scarcely have been packed with more drama, but conversation rarely strayed for long from the pitch - green, full of pace and bounce, possibly damp early on, and last used four years ago in a Sunday league game made memorable for Viv Richards being hurried in his stroke by a novice called

Surrey, put in by Kent, who won a toss that gave them use of the conditions when the ball swung in the morning haze, were all out in two hours and ten minutes for 124. Kent replied, in their usual tailwagging the dog fashion, with 217 for nine. Seven batsmen were out for nought and, but for the boundaries being short - the pitch was situated at one end of the square - the balance between bat and ball would be even more lop-sided.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-9, 3-22, 4-29, 5-29, 6-40, 7-74, 8-101, 9-105.

GOWLING: Igglesden 10-4-17-2; Thompson 8-1-33-4; Falham 5-0-28-1; Philips 2-0-19-2; Fleming 2-0-15-1.

KENT: First innings

D P Fulton c Butcher b Laws

Bicknet c Ward b Thompson Butcher c Marsh b Phillips ...

Of the 282 runs that came from the bat, 186 came in boundaries.

With the weather forcast good, this game appears desa brutally short finish, which is hardly a litting climax even for the 3,300 spectators who turned up yesterday. Commenting on the pitch, David Gilbert, the Surrey coach, said: "It has made a mockery of the occasion, which is not to say that we do not think we can still

In reality, by stumps Kent were strongly placed to win, today, but there is the remote possibility that they will be docked points for preparing

such a "sporting" surface. With 19 wickets falling, umpires Jesty and Whitehead reported the pitch as a matter of course, but this was more than a routine step. "We think it is an underprepared pitch." Jesty said. A delegation of England and Wales Cricket Board officials can be expected at the ground today.

The pitch gave all the bowlers assistance, so much so that when a spin bowler, Rupesh Amin, the Surrey leftarmer, was finally introduced shortly before tea, having watched the fast-medium bowlers move the ball around extravagantly, he turned four of his first nine balls markedly, the last of them accounting Steve Marsh.

He continued long after tea and posed further problems, but curiously, Salisbury, the only other slow bowler in the game, was not called upon.

Total (9 wide, 72.5 overs)

BOWLING: Lewis 8-0-54-1, Holiloeks 17.5-5-63-3; Benjamin 16-3-43-1; Butcher 15-6-24-3, Ratcliffe 3-0-18-0; Amin 12-5-21-1

Bonus points: Kant 5 Surrey 4

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Even part-time seamers such as Ratcliffe and Butcher made the ball pop occasionally; that said, no one was physically

Kent thought that they were playing to their strength by preparing a pitch to suit the seamers and so it looked for much of the day. Even though Headley and McCague were on the sidelines, Igglesden and Thompson proved themselves worthy stand-ins with the new ball. Thompson, having slipped over on the dew in delivery during the first over, followed up by removing Bicknell and Ratcliffe in his

By the time he finished his spell, he had claimed four for 33 and Surrey were 40-odd for six. When Igglesden came off, with exemplary figures of 10-4-Neither was required to return as Phillips, Ealham and Fleming swiftly accounted for Butcher — who had seen six partners depart and batted for 100 minutes, despite suffering from a stomach upset — and the tail before the first session

By now, those with a taste for conspiracy theories were sharpening their pencils because Surrey's commitment to the fixture had been in question ever since Gilbert had made some ambiguous remarks after their recent match with Glamorgan.

But in truth most of the Surrey wickets were due to sound bowling: perhaps only Brown, caught on the boundary hooking, and Lewis, who drove tamely into the hands of cover, brought about their own downfalls.

The rumours were soon scotched once Kent took the field, as Surrey fought hard to get back into the game. Lewis removed Fulton with the first ball, Wells and Smith. who added 60 for the third wicket, might have been separated countless times, and when Kent were 126 for six, just two runs in front, the game was finely balanced.

The situation, however, wa tailor-made for Ealham, who sniffed the air for an hour before punching his first boundary. As the ball softened, so the recovery gathered momentum. He added 36 with Marsh and 51 with Phillips and reached his lifty, the first of the game, after 212 hours. He was removed in the next over only by a fine running catch by Butcher. It may be all



Ed Smith, the Kent batsman, is relieved to see a slip catch dropped by Butcher

Jordan ends Hill's search for spare seat

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN IN ZELTWEG, AUSTRIA

THE demeaning saga of Damon Hill's struggle for alternative employment will reach a merciful conclusion at the Al Ring in central Austria today, when he will be confirmed as the partner for Ralf Schumacher at Jordan Grand Prix next season.

A press conference called for 9.30am by Eddie Jordan, the team owner, will be the final act in a soap opera that has veered in emotional content between a whodunnit and a French farce. Even by the surreal standards of Formula One's silly season, the agonis-ing over Hill's future has been

He has been linked in recent weeks with virtually every team with a car that has a wheel on each corner. Already embarrassed by public rejections by Prost and McLaren. he was irked to discover yesterday that his departure from Arrows was being billed in some quarters as a humiliating dismissal.

He made the defiant gesture of setting the quickest time in a familiarisation session on the new circuit, set in the Styrian Mountains, but was notably downcast at a paddock party to mark his 37th birthday.

This had fallen the previous day when Tom Walkinshaw, the Arrows owner, refused to enter the spirit of things and announced that he had signed Mika Salo, the Finnish driver, for 1998, in Hill's place. Hill refused to talk in specific terms about his future, as he shared champagne and choco-late cake with his critics, although he insisted that he was 'very relaxed'.

True to the bluff and bluster of the negotiating process, he added archly that "it is always nice when you can concentrate on driving, on doing your job". The inference, that he was secure in the knowledge that Jordan had succumbed to the pressure applied by his principal sponsor to recruit a British driver, was obvious. The harsh logic is that both parties had little reason to resist a marriage of convenience.

The strength of the latest sub-plot was reinforced last night when it became clear that Jordan had failed to exercise his right of appeal against a High Court judgment obliging him to return Giancarlo Fisichella, the promising Italian, to Benetton at the end of the season.

This meant that all the leading drivers had been accounted for in Formula One's annual game of musical chairs. Hill was left alone with the final seat still vacant. His asking price of £5 million was the only source of possible

Jordan need a driver of Hill's undoubted analytical ability. Had he taken his world title to the Silverstonebased team at the end of last season, as had seemed possible during negotiations be-tween Eddie Jordan and Hill's advisers at East Midlands airport last autumn. it is unlikely that they would still be waiting for their first victory. In addition, Hill-is influence on the younge Schumacher, who has haddifficulty coming to terms with being of Fisichella. overshadowed by

Hill's reputation, for sensitivity in handling a difficult car, is well founded. He is certainly held in high respect by the Arrows mechanics, who have valued his temperament and level-headed approach to the occasional absurdities of a largely uncompetitive season.

"I want to get a win before! leave, to finish off the job we nearly completed in Hunga-ry," Hill said. That would be my gift to the team for everything they have done for me this year. That might be a bit. of a dream, but we still have four races left. I have enjoyed myself with Arrows and, on the whole, I am sorry to be leaving. We are parting on good terms.



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Wright let off with warning

BY JOHN GOODBODY IAN WRIGHT, the volatile had been pur under pressure Arsenal and England forby the media. It must have been difficult for it to reach the ward, was cleared by the

right decision. Football Association of a misconduct charge yesterday and It turned into mass hysteria in the media just after it then claimed that justice had triumphed over the mass hyshappened, but I always knew I teria of the media. had not done anything. I knew Patrick Vieira. Wright's I would get a fair hearing and I am just glad that the FA has Arsenal team-mate, and Steve Walsh, the Leicester City captain, were also cleared by the FA of misconduct charges

after an incident between the rival teams at the end of a 3-3 draw in the FA Carling Premiership at Filbert Street on August 27. However, Pat Rice, the assistant manager at Arsenal, was fined £500 for making "unseemly com-ments" to an official in the dressing-room after the game. After a three-hour hearing, the FA warned all three play-

ers about their future conduct

and ordered them to share the

costs of the hearing. Wright was particularly relieved that the ordeal was over. He had been fined £15,000 in July after separate incidents against Blackburn Rovers and Coventry City last season. The FA had then warned Wright that, if he appeared before them again in similar and proven circumstances, "the severest of penalties, removing him from the game for some considerable

on this occasion: a sentence then widely predicted in certain sections of the media. The FA disciplinary commission investigated the case at Leicester after Graham Barber, the referee, had reported Wright, Vieira and Walsh for "adopting an ag-

time, would be inevitable.

This hinted at a 12-match ban

gressive attitude". Wright said after the hearing: I am just pleased that this is all over because there has been anguish and the FA

Davies added that it had been necessary to investigate the referee's report. "You have to hear it and act accordingly. That is what justice is all about. You test the case and there was one to answer." He emphasised that what the FA

had told Wright in July "still

stands". been able to show it can come The Leicester manager, to the right decision no matter Martin O'Neill, said: "When what people write about." you have a personality such as The referee told the threelan Wright involved, you know you are in for a long man commission that there had been no violence in the process but the term 'storm in tea-cup' which has been bandied about still holds for

> "The only thing is that all this might act as a good warning to players to get off the field as soon as possible after the matches." Wright had run back on to

the field after being substituted towards the end of the game. Arsène Wenger, his manager, had told him to go to applaud the travelling Arsenal supporters. Wright admitted that he

had then become caught up in a mělée that developed when the Arsenal players surroundmuch stoppage time had been added on at the end of a match in which Leicester had equalised seconds before the whistle

West Ham United signed lan Pearce, the Blackburn Rovers defender, yesterday in a deal which could be worth up to £2.3 million, depending on appearances. Pearce, 23, is replacement for Marc Rieper, the Denmark international, who moved from Up-ton Park to Celtic for £1.4 million last week.

A former England Under-21 defender, Pearce made 57 Premiership starts for Blackburn. but has been left on the substitutes' bench this season.

Jackson to resume training

DARREN JACKSON, the Celtic striker, is due to resume light training on Monday. The pleased with the progress of the Scotland international after his operation two weeks ago to remove excess fluid from the brain.

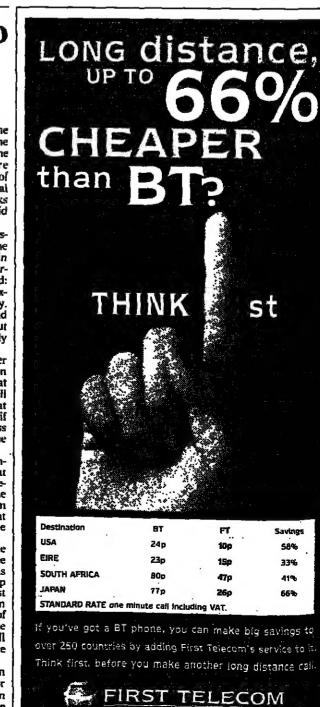
The Southern General Hospital in Glasgow houses the eading head injury unit in Scotland and Richard Morgan, a spokesman, said: 'Darren has recovered extremely quickly after surgery. I know he had doubts and fears about the operation but we're all delighted he is ready to restart training.

"Some patients do recover quite soon after an operation of this kind and the fact that Darren is an athlete could well have helped speed up that process." It appears that if Jackson sustains his progress he could be ready to resume playing in the new year.

Jock Brown, the Celtic general manager, is delighted at the way the player has re-sponded and said: "All the signs are positive and from our point of view it's brilliant he's ready to link up with the squad again." Jackson yesterday faced the

cameras and media for the first time since his illness was revealed after the Uefa Cup game against FC Tirol last month. He said he had been overwhelmed by messages of support from all over the country sent to him by football supporters and also people unconnected with the game.

"So many people have taken the time to write a letter or write a card, it has been marvellous," he said. "These letters and cards have been a big help to me."





Wright: feared a ban

confrontation. Barber said

that, if it had occurred during

the game, the players would

spokesman, said that security

officers at Filbert Street had

confirmed that no violence

and "only banter" had occ-

urred between the rival play-

ers. "Given the circumstances.

the commission decided that,

although there was a case to

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David Davies, the FA

have received yellow cards.